Relaxed style and organic textures come together in this coastal cottage with classic California architecture.

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SIMPLE LINES. Leather chairs add a masculine touch in the living room, while custom linens finish the space with dreamy beach tones.







|BOTTOM RIGHT| COOL CONTRAST. Barstools from Thomas Hayes Studio contrast perfectly with the white millwork and Carrara marble countertops.

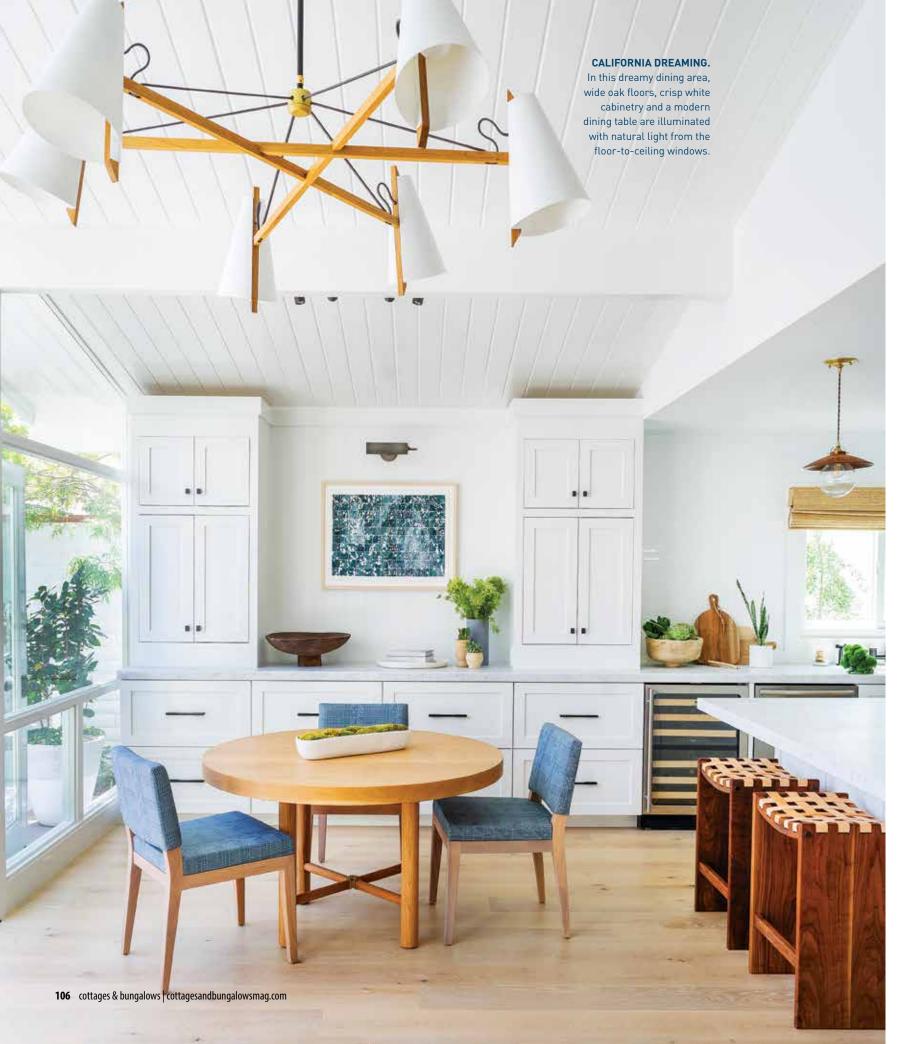
| **OPPOSITE**| **A WELCOMING MOMENT.** In the entry, Mindy created an eye-catching vignette with art by Lorraine Pennington and a statement sconce from Urban Electric Co.

MODERN TEXTURES

The home's previous design was Palm Springs-inspired Midcentury Modern, so to fit the new homeowner's aesthetic, Mindy did a complete overhaul of both the interior and exterior décor. "We started with lots of white millwork, ceilings and cabinetry, and juxtaposed our crisp and clean palette with tailored linen, leather and wood accents," she says. They added tongue-and-groove wall paneling to every room in the house and kept it modern and fresh with a bright white paint color and a more minimal V-groove joint line. On the exterior, custom-stained cedar shingles, white brick and metal accents capture the essence of coastal living.

Inside, Mindy created an understated beach escape for her client with the perfect pairing of crisp whites and warm textures. "The best part of a beach house is the casual aesthetic, and we like to play up that feel with lots of natural textures, including woven Roman shades for all of the window coverings," says Mindy. "They complement the beachy vibe without sacrificing style and functionality."









A linen slipcovered sofa, upholstered linen dining chairs and headboards, linen bedding and linen throws and decorative pillows help achieve the home's seemingly effortless seaside vibes. "In my book, linen is the perfect textile and fits the beachy cottage feel to a T," says Mindy, "I'm a huge fan of linen everything."

COASTAL ART

Throughout the home, collected art pieces both tie spaces together and serve as focal points. "Our client is an avid collector and has an incredibly tasteful eye for beautiful artwork," says Mindy. When he first enlisted her help on the project, a key factor they discussed was bringing the interior design to life through art pieces in the main living spaces.

"One of our favorite local artists, Lorraine Pennington, had the perfect piece for the entry," says Mindy. "We paired it alongside a statement sconce to keep your eye fixed on the entry vignette." A piece by Wolfgang Bloch, one of the homeowner's favorite artists, hangs over the limestone fireplace in the living room, and in the guest bedroom, Mindy played up the local surf culture aesthetic with a collage wall featuring pieces from a few local artists.



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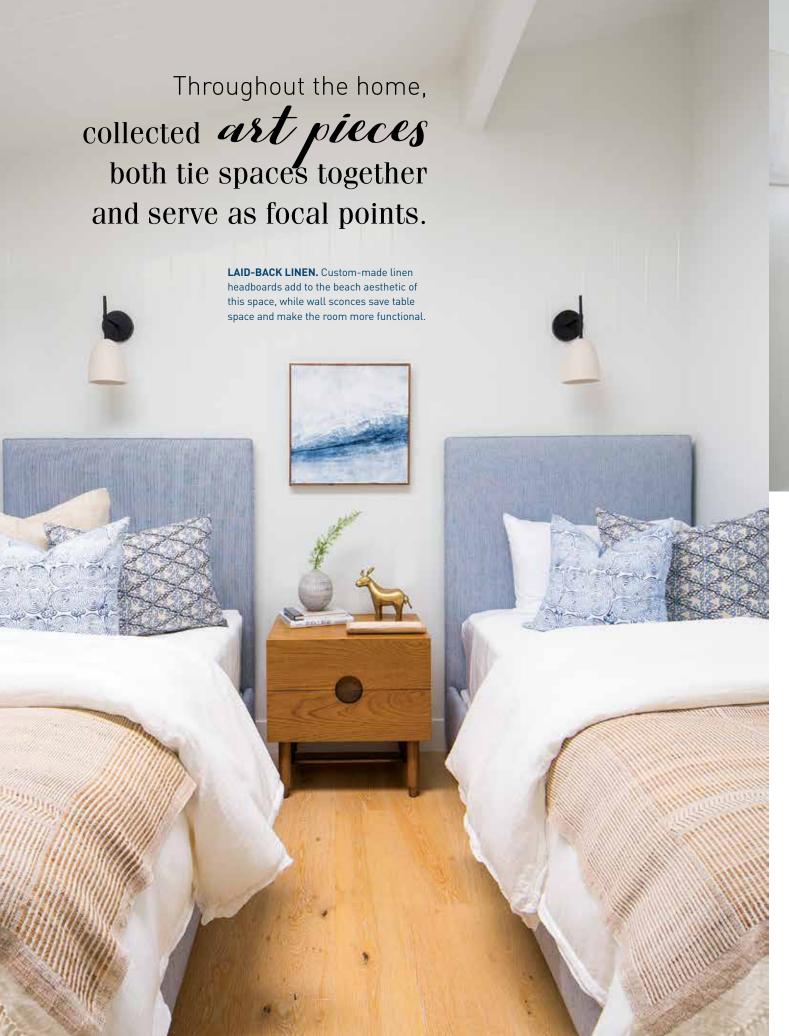
|BOTTOM RIGHT| EASY ORGANIC. Rustic wooden accents, matte clay finishes and a queen airplant come together as a great combination for the modern California cottage vibe.

FINISHING TOUCHES

"I try to incorporate a contemporary coastal feel in our projects without going too cutesy or overtly beachy," says Mindy, "It's fun to welcome in the seaside feel, while keeping the overall design palette and finishes refined and contemporary." With modern light fixtures and furnishings, unique art and custom pieces throughout, this beach cottage is a beautiful ode to the coastal surroundings and southern California culture.

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|TOP LEFT| ZEN SLEEP. In this contemporary bedroom, soft and warm natural accent tones complement the white linen bedding. |TOP RIGHT| SHINE ON. Natural light and white millwork shine in the skylight—a classic California beach cottage element. The graphic light and shadows make this small gem of a space simple but stunning.

|BOTTOM| CHEERS TO ART. A collage wall of locally sourced art adds a playful beach aesthetic.

