



## Design Divine Interior Design + Styling

Achieving that holiday vibe in your home



My design approach extends beyond a passion for creating unique spaces. It is about creating a holistic experience that includes beautiful handmade pieces, personal and calm interior design + styling with a serious focus on creating relaxed and coastal interiors. In all, my design approach is about curating a complete sensory experience, blending the tactile beauty of handmade items with the visual and emotional qualities of a coastal aesthetic. This results in spaces that not only look good but feel good, nurturing a lifestyle of relaxation and personal connection.

# About Me

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I'm Christiana, qualified Interior Designer and Stylist, Entrepreneur, Content Creator and busy mum to 4 boys. I have been working in the interiors industry as an Interior Designer for over 20 years. My approach to Interior Design is personal and calm with a serious focus on creating relaxed interiors, bringing in that holiday vibe and that are family friendly.

I have a serious admiration for one-of-a-kind decor and vintage finds. I love mixing in the new with the old to create a balanced space with solid design credibility.

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I have also been featured in various magazines such as Homes+, Winkelen, as well as online publications Homes to Love, Style Curator, Ivy Nook Studio, Abide Interiors and Paradise Road Byron Bay.

## Coastal + Mediterranean + Tropical = Relaxed Vibes



### How to Instantly Add Holiday Vibes to Any Space

I truly believe that anyone can transform a space in their home to give them that relaxed, holiday feeling. Whether it's the middle of winter or the peak of summer, creating a vacation-like atmosphere in your home can help you feel like you're on holiday all year round. With the right decor and a few small touches, you can escape into a calming oasis whenever you need a break. There are so many beautiful homewares and furniture options to suit any budget, so there's no need to spend a fortune to get that vacation-inspired vibe.

One simple way to enhance that holiday feeling is by incorporating natural elements into your decor. Think coastal-inspired pieces like driftwood, seashells, and woven baskets, or even bring in plants to add a touch of greenery. Soft textures, like linen throw pillows, airy curtains, and cozy blankets, can make your space feel inviting and relaxed. By focusing on calming colors like soft blues, whites, and sandy neutrals, you can create a peaceful retreat that transports you to your favorite vacation destination—no matter where you are.

# Here Are Some of My Tips

**1. Bring the Outdoors In** Natural elements like plants, fresh flowers, or even small indoor fountains can create a peaceful and calming atmosphere. Think tropical palms, succulents, or flowering vines - plants instantly give any room a fresh, serene holiday vibe. If you can, add natural textures like rattan, bamboo, or wicker furniture to enhance that beachy feel.

**2. Use Soft, Relaxing Color Palettes** Choose colors that remind you of calm beaches or sunset views. Soft, neutral tones like sandy beige, soft blues, and ocean-inspired greens can give your space a coastal, laid-back feel. If you prefer more warmth, think of the deep oranges and reds of a sunset, or the golden tones of a desert holiday retreat.

**3. Add Cosy Textiles** Nothing says relaxation like soft, cozy textiles. Add throw blankets, cushions, and rugs in light fabrics like linen, cotton, or wool. A lightweight throw over your couch or bed can transform a room from ordinary to vacation-ready. You can also play with textures like woven throws or tassel pillow covers for an extra touch of comfort.

**4. Set the Mood with Lighting** Lighting plays a huge role in creating a peaceful ambiance. Try dimming the lights or using candles in the evening. Fairy lights, lanterns, or even LED candles can add a warm, welcoming glow. For a coastal vibe, try stringing up white or soft blue fairy lights around a mirror, or place lantern-style lights on tables for that relaxed, beachy feel.

**5. Feature Walls** Having your main base palette in a white/beige or light grey gives you a perfect backdrop to introduce all of your amazing accent colours and 'wow' pieces of furniture in your coastal home. Choosing interesting wall art for your home will compliment your other photographic art or paintings as well as add character and texture to the space.



**6. Incorporate Holiday-Inspired Art and Decor** Incorporating coastal-inspired elements like sea grass, shells, driftwood, and macrame in wall art and decor helps bring a calming, holiday vibe to your home. Soft furnishings, vases, greenery, books, and accent pieces also play a key role in creating that coastal feel. Adding artwork or photos of dream destinations such as ocean waves, tropical forests, or mountain retreats can enhance the vacation-like atmosphere. You don't need much—just a few framed prints or a large statement piece can make a big impact.

**7. Bring in Scents of the Season** The right fragrance can instantly transport you to your favorite vacation spot. Try scented candles, diffusers, or essential oils in tropical or citrus scents like coconut, mango, or pineapple. You could also opt for lavender or eucalyptus if you prefer a calming, spa-like atmosphere.

**8. Embrace a Vacation-Style Dining Setup** Set your dining table with dinnerware that evokes the feeling of a seaside or outdoor holiday meal. Think natural wooden platters, woven placemats, and light, airy napkins. Add a few fresh fruits or tropical flowers as a centerpiece for an extra touch of holiday elegance.

**9. Incorporate Relaxing Furniture** The right furniture can make a huge difference in creating a holiday mood. Opt for loungy, low-slung seating like a hammock chair or oversized cushions, and add a few soft, inviting armchairs or lounges. Think about creating a cozy reading nook with plush cushions and soft throws, where you can unwind with a good book and a cup of tea.

**10. Embrace Seasonal Decor** Whether it's a beachy theme for summer or a cozy, mountain lodge feel for winter, embracing the season with decor can help transform your space. Incorporating items like sea shells, driftwood, or woven baskets in warmer months or plaid throws and wooden accents in the winter will enhance your holiday atmosphere all year round.

## Creating a Sense of Calm and Paradise in your Home

Ways to create a sense of relaxation, retreat and paradise in your home. The inspiration for your coastal space will obviously come from the ocean, sand and beach. These are the colours we are drawn to, whether it is a very white, muted and soft palette of naturals and creams, pastel blues and greens, pops of bright teals and deep navy blues or a monochromatic palette. Adding pops of deeper teals, aquas' or navy blues, is a beautiful option if you love colour. The softer and more muted the palette, the more relaxed and calm the space will be. This will give you that holiday feeling!



To cultivate a sanctuary of relaxation and a sense of paradise within your home, draw inspiration from the serene beauty of the beach. Embracing a color palette reminiscent of the ocean and sand is key to achieving this tranquil atmosphere. Opt for a foundation of whites, muted naturals, and creams to create a calm backdrop. Introduce accents of pastel blues and greens to evoke the gentle hues of the sea, or incorporate deeper tones like teal, aqua, and navy blue for a more vibrant coastal feel. The choice between a soft, muted palette and more saturated colors depends on your personal preference, but generally, softer tones promote a more relaxed and calming environment, enhancing that perpetual holiday ambiance. With a few simple changes, you can create an inviting, relaxed environment that makes you feel like you're on vacation every day. Happy decorating!

*Christiana xoxo*

