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## New England coastal style – the look and how to get it

Smart New England coastal style brings nautical decor to a living space. Here's how to get the shipshape look

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A coastal home can feel like a sanctuary and escape from everyday life, so layer in soft furnishings, plump cushions and plentiful fabric to accentuate the air of ease and relaxation.

'Textiles should be natural and have inherent texture – slubby linens, crisp cottons, soft comforters,' explains Andréa Childs, Editor of *Country Homes & Interiors* magazine. 'Introduce subtle pattern and details such as ruffles and gathers, to bring a luxurious touch.'



This blue dining room illustrates the elegance of New England coastal style.

'This look is more of a feeling than an exact formula for design. It's a mix of laidback luxury, historical charm and modern-day touches that create an overall calm and approachable environment, evocative of the way people live when near the beach or a body of water,' says Georgia Zikas of West Hartford-based Georgia Zikas Design.

'There is an overall easiness to the design, with no fuss and an emphasis on liveable fabrics, furnishings, and color palettes. I love to bring the outdoors in when I work on coastal projects in New England – be it through color, pattern or texture. This, alongside the incorporation of antiques or any pieces that connect to the history of New England, creates a truly unique and inviting design.'