

HOLIDAY STYLE

SOFT COLOUR AND RUGGED TEXTURES DELIVER A COOL VIBE IN THIS BEACHSIDE LIVING SPACE

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FLOORING The original cold, grey floor tiles didn't hold the same appeal as the living area's 1970s timber flooring. The new Royal Oak Floor boards add a sense of warmth and is forgiving beneath sandy feet.





ENTRY In the entrance, a cluster of timber wall hooks (try Hard To Find for similar) and Kirsty Davidson's *Tree Of Life* artwork establish the home's palette. "Rather than a 'themed' beach house, I wanted to use plenty of natural materials and just a smattering of blue tones, which won't date," says Jo.

WHY THE MAKEOVER? Jo McIntyre of Beautiful Home wanted a holiday home she and her husband could one day retire to. This 1970s brick bungalow fitted the bill. "It was always our plan to rent out the home whenever we weren't using it, so in selecting the palette I specifically chose timeless surfaces which could stand up to plenty of use from guests," she says. See the home's beautiful kitchen makeover on page 52 and the bathroom's final results on page 82. **TIME FRAME:** Four months.

THE WORKS: The layout of the sunken living room worked but the finishes needed addressing. Jo embarked on a swift overhaul replacing dreary tiles with timber flooring and updating grey walls. The exposed rafters and panelled ceiling were retained but the original fireplace was modernised with a rendered surround to conceal an expanse of exposed brick in favour of smooth, easy-clean walls painted in Dulux 'Wash & Wear' Natural White.

MAJOR CHANGES: The space is layered with texture, beautiful decor, luxurious linen and greenery, which give it a chic, coastal feel.

BUDGET SAVER: Jo saved by sourcing wallet-friendly prints from some of her favourite artists, including Rosetta Santucci and Ali McNabney-Stevens (opposite), and had custom sofa slips made by Bemz, a company specialising in covers for Ikea furniture. "As it's a holiday house, I wanted something that looked and felt great, yet was affordable and serviceable," says Jo. "The removable linen covers are fabulous - they're so easy to pull off and wash."

SMARTEST SPLURGE: "The timber flooring, which runs throughout the whole home, was an investment, but it's ideal by the beach as all it takes is a quick sweep and it's clean," explains Jo.

STYLE NOTE Eschewing a beach-themed interior, Jo instead drew inspiration from her main home, incorporating natural elements, such as a La Grolla jute and leather woven rug, with timber furniture and baskets of greenery. "I wanted the place to reflect the things I love and have the comforts of home," she explains. Accent cushions upholstered in Florence Broadhurst 'Arabian Birds' fabric from Jordan add the desired touch of subtle coastal colour.

"BEING A HOLIDAY RENTAL, EVERYTHING HAD TO BE **AFFORDABLE AND PRACTICAL**, SO I LOOKED FOR WAYS I COULD GET THE LOOK I WANTED FOR LESS" - JO

EXPECT TO PAY	Accessories	\$1800
	Fireplace rendering	\$200
	Flooring	\$4000
	Furniture	\$4000
	Lighting	\$500
	Paint	\$800
	TOTAL \$11,300*	
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