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6 Coastal Design Trends That Make Any Home Feel Beachfront

Elevated shell art, wood paneling, a departure from coastal motifs, and more.

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Ask just about any designer and they'll likely tell you that the biggest **coastal design trend** right now is to make spaces that feel not as *obviously coastal*. Gone are the heavy-handed nautical interiors and fish motifs. In their place is a look that's lighter, fresher, and far more elevated.

Shifting Color Palettes

In some cases, coastal color palettes are becoming more daring, according to designer **Emma Corner**. While Camp and Green of **Élan Design House** say the go-to blue-and-white scheme is still relevant, many are reinterpreting it through "warmer, more nuanced tones." Clients are using deep navy, sand, and creams layered with wood finishes like walnut and mixed with lighter, weathered textures. **Justine Wolman of Justine Wolman Interiors** highlights muted blues and earthy neutrals, while **Dvira Ovadia** of Dvira Interiors specifically recommends warmer whites like CC-70. This particular shade then sets the stage for walls "treated with plaster, faux finishes, or subtly textured wallpapers."