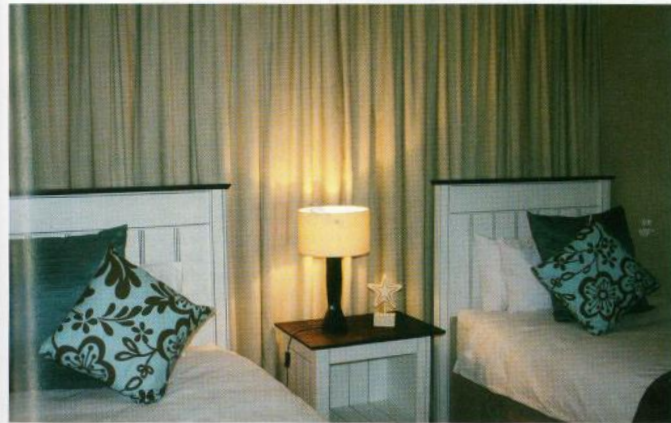
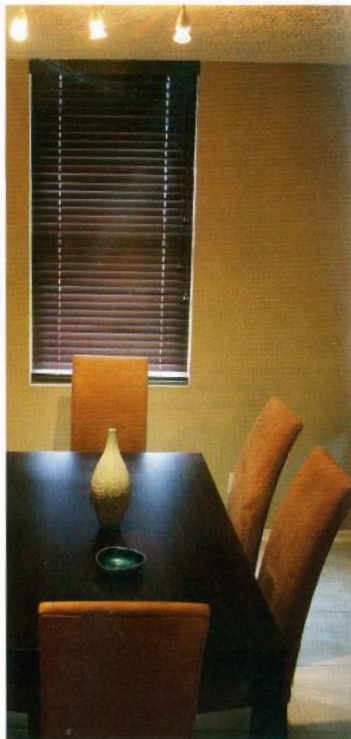


seaside elegance

Casual, fresh and quietly elegant describes the seaside styling of the Johannesburg Roux family's holiday home in Umhlanga. Chia Kougianos takes a closer look. ▶



Captivated by its beach side location and picturesque views, local interior designers, Stacey Vermeulen and Louise Metcalfe of Dynamic Duo, drew inspiration from the views and decided on a blue, turquoise and neutral based colour scheme. The décor and design is focused on contemporary styling and functionality and the result is one of striking combinations of craftsmanship and quality.

Under Stacey and Louise's guidance, the old, outdated elements of the apartment were replaced and the interior became a beautiful blend of colour and style spoken in a true contemporary voice. The high-back dining-room chairs added another dimension of space and gave way to a new dynamic level in the room. The suede chairs added warmth and made a stunning contrast against the dark mahogany wood of the table and the Venetian blinds.

Neutral floor-length curtains were added to accentuate the gorgeous large windows facing out front and three large, dark-framed mirrors in the lounge echo the beach theme throughout the home. Another eye-catching feature in the lounge is the couch table. Not wanting to reduce the new spacious feel of the room, which offered limited space for side tables, the designers had unique couches made that have tables built onto the armrests and provide a practical 'couch table.' These give the room a unique feature. The open plan kitchen, located just off the dining-room, features beautiful granite counter tops and frosted glass cupboards and there is a glass mosaic feature above the stove.

For the two bedrooms, Stacey drew on the expertise of Paul Joseph and Shaeden Watson of Deco Flooring who took into account the warm mix of neutral tones and rich shades in the master bedroom and accentuated it with rich, wooden flooring. Above the master bed hangs an original artwork painted by Louise. Other homey touches captured by Stacey and Louise are the framed family snapshots that have been added to the décor in the second bedroom, making this apartment a home from home. □

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