

# beauty & the beach

Layers of color, texture and collectibles personalize a designer's home by the sea

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