

At home in the West

Designed by a pro



A tale of two beach houses

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Go way outside the box

A Craigslist find, this drift boat had been painted red and decorated with Oregon State University Beavers stickers. Jesse and her crew added a coat of white, cut away one side, and inserted a foam mattress. Instead of cutting off the leftover rope, they coiled it into a floor mat.



Boat from Craigslist for \$750

A designer retreat in Oregon

For this vacation house, project designer Jesse Moyer of Jessica Helgerson Interior Design looked far beyond the expected fancy showrooms. Many of the furnishings were custom-designed by the firm, vintage, or handmade. The key is the mix: In the dining room, a hand-blown glass chandelier shines above a reclaimed teak table. In the living room, a custom-made sectional couch sits beside an old boat reinvented for lounging. "We wanted it to feel lived in and personal," says Jesse. "There's no point in hiring an interior designer and having them go to one showroom," adds Jessica. "You can do that yourself."

INFO Jessica Helgerson Interior Design, Portland (jhinteriordesign.com)



Blend the palettes

Indoors, turquoise accessories play off neutral paints and bare wood. River Reflections #552 and China White paint, benjaminmoore.com; pendant lights by Heather Levine, heatherlevine.com



DAVID FENTON (L, PROP STYLING: BEGGIE RAMOS)



Vary the vistas

Floor-to-ceiling windows and glass doors frame coastal views wherever possible, but the openness is tempered by sheers and curtains.

INSET Each pear-shaped drop in the dining room's chandelier reflects the ocean in miniature. Curtain fabric by O Etzetextiles, oecetextiles.com; chandelier by Ochre, ochre.net