

luxury home

Beach House Bliss

WHATEVER ITS SIZE OR STYLE,
OWNING A BEACH HOUSE MAKES
YOU HAPPY.

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A Casey Key vacation home
perched on the beach.



A reclaimed wood ceiling, green onyx fireplace surround and other natural elements warm up this Casey Key beach house.

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NATURAL STAR

Bringing the Outdoors In

"THE OCEAN IS LITERALLY IN FRONT OF YOUR FACE," says interior designer Lori Morris of Toronto-based House of LMD, describing a 1970s ranch-style vacation home on Casey Key that's perched right on the beach. The owners, from Ontario, Canada, decided to spare the home from the wrecking ball. Instead, they charged Morris with enhancing its architecture and décor in a way that is cozy yet comfortable for big family gatherings, and that brings the outdoors in.

Morris chose natural materials—a reclaimed wood ceiling in the great room for warmth and authenticity; elegant wood-framed windows; furniture in shades of blue, seafoam green and gray; and

slabs of dramatic green onyx on the fireplace that echo the movement of the waves right outside their door. For the master bath, she found marble with flecks of blue, soft yellow and white "that feels like the ocean," she says, and complemented it with a custom-designed wave pattern on the shower doors and a vintage Murano chandelier in bold blue "to make the room sing."

Now, the designer says, "It's a beautiful, soothing, warm, elegant, sexy beach house," one that the couple and their extended family will enjoy for generations. Says the homeowner, "Even after going there more times than I can say, when I unlock the door and walk in, it still takes my breath away."