

# COASTAL LIVING

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The beach lover's guide to 99 days of fun in the sun

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# Fabric Finds

Orange starfish, graphic coral, pink sea urchins, turquoise trellis prints, and navy sea horses barely scratch the surface of custom-designed fabrics from Bolt House Textiles—and the best part is that everything is available through the company's Web site. Owner Lori Faison started her business to offer retail consumers customized textiles that were previously available only to interior designers. The creative process is easy: Select a linen or linen-cotton background fabric, and then pick a pattern from the Coastal Collection to be printed in almost any color you love, from sky blue to tropical flower pink. Bolt House fabricates your creations using a digital process and natural dye. Order fabric by the yard for custom bedding, pillows, and draperies, or have Bolt House make pillow covers or fabric-covered lamps based on your design selections. Check out the complete collection at [bolthouse textiles.com](http://bolthouse textiles.com).

—Stephanie Gibson



Above: Fish Net, Sea Urchin, and Large Starfish. Left: Buoy on Rope and Double Sea Horse

## HANG 10

### Open your beach house for summer

- 1 **Let in the fresh air.** Open windows and doors upon first arriving to rid your home of stuffy smells.
- 2 **Check appliances.** Test large and small appliances—plus all lamps—for functionality and faulty wiring. Replace any bulbs, if necessary.
- 3 **Make sure your AC filter is clean** and there are no visible leaks. Then, after airing the place out, switch on the unit and set—and keep—the thermostat at 78 degrees to cool you off but keep costs down.
- 4 **Wipe down windows** with a white vinegar-soaked sponge to remove residue from salt spray.
- 5 **Wash towels and sheets** that have been stored in a humid environment. Dry with a long-lasting fabric softener (like Mrs. Myer's Clean Day Basil Dryer Sheets).
- 6 **Clean baths.** Vacuum first to eliminate dust and dirt, then go over fixtures with a disinfectant.
- 7 **Replenish your candle supply.** Have plenty of matches or lighters in an easy-to-access place so you're ready for impromptu dinner parties or sudden power outages.
- 8 **Bring out from storage** any outdoor furniture, cushions, lawn chairs, hammocks, picnic baskets, coolers, and garden hoses. Remove dirt with a stiff-bristle hand broom.
- 9 **Clean out the pantry and fridge.** Check the expiration date of condiments and other cabinet staples; items left out of the refrigerator are at greater risk of spoiling.
- 10 **Run the dishwasher** to clean all china, flatware, dishes, and other cooking utensils. —Marisa Spyker

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



### CHLORINATED POOLS

### SALTWATER POOLS

<b>THE BASICS</b>	Chlorine tablets are added to pool water to sanitize and prevent algae growth.	A filtering process converts the salt in saltwater pools into chlorine.
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	No extra equipment is needed, but pools should be dosed with high levels of chlorine before first use.	An electric chlorinator and filter turn salt into chlorine, and an underwater monitor tracks chemical levels.
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	Chlorine should be measured by hand daily, with tablets added weekly.	Chlorine levels are monitored automatically; new salt should be added every three months.
<b>WHAT TO CONSIDER</b>	Chlorine pools won't harm pool fixtures, but can be harsh on skin and hair when chemicals are first added.	Mid-range chlorine levels won't damage skin and hair, but salt water can rust any unprotected metal fixtures.
<b>COST</b>	The initial chlorine costs about \$150; after that, chlorine costs about \$400 to \$450 a year.	Chlorinators average \$1,200. Filters start at \$600; salt costs \$80 per year. —Megan Baker

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