

# Blue Streak

IN AN ALL-OUT SALUTE TO THE SHORE'S SIGNATURE HUE, DESIGNERS PARRISH CHILCOAT AND JOE LUCAS CREATE A TONAL MASTERPIECE IN MANHATTAN BEACH

"SAPPHIRE, SKY BLUE, TURQUOISE—we hand-picked each of the colors in the kitchen tile to showcase the best of blue from light to dark," says designer Joe Lucas of the Manhattan Beach home he co-designed with Parrish Chilcoat of Cameron Design. While the rest of the beach house is outfitted with white horizontal paneling and a more mellow palette, the clients wanted the spacious kitchen to really draw the eye in to the house's hub. Lucas and Chilcoat turned to the beach's all-star hue: blue. "Going all in with one color is the perfect way to create drama but maintain sophistication," Chilcoat explains. "Sticking to a palette of blues that exists together in nature ensures you can't mess it up."



## THE UNSUNG HERO

**Gauzy Roman shades** in an ethereal blue create a beautiful filter for the strong California sunlight.

## THE CHARACTER-BUILDER

These **aqua pendants** have loads of nautical swagger, with curvy silhouettes and metal cages reminiscent of vintage ship lamps. Plus, aqua is a dynamite foil for moodier shades of blue, and feels like a playful nod to the beach just a few yards away.

## THE HINT OF SHINE

Blue's favorite sidekick, white, makes a mod cameo by way of the **enamel-encased range hood**. The opaque fixture pops among the sea of blues, and also visually links the space to the surrounding white shiplap rooms. Likewise, the range's stainless steel trim complements the **britannium cabinet hardware**. "Cool, silvery tones really suit blue color schemes like this one," says Lucas.

## THE SCENE-STEALER

### Glazed terra-cotta tiles

feature a traditional Moroccan zellij design and served as the starting point for Lucas's and Chilcoat's rush of blue. "They come in large squares, so while there is an actual grout line, you can't see it, giving the appearance of one solid mosaic," says Chilcoat. "This puts the focus on the overall design instead of individual tiles, like you would have with more of a subway-tile design."

## THE ALL-STAR ORGANIC

Lucas and Chilcoat upholstered the stools in a **pecan-hued faux leather**. It grounds the room in a material that looks and feels very organic. "We loved how the rich material gave the room an instant lived-in look, without appearing beat up," Lucas says, adding that it's super durable.

## THE BEACH HOUSE ESSENTIAL

"The **blue-green cabinetry color** is muted like a neutral, but it envelops the other blues more than, for instance, traditional white cabinetry would have," explains Chilcoat. The hue was inspired by an accent color in the tile, "and adds depth to the kitchen," she says. The upper cabinets are inlaid with antiqued mirrors to reflect the blues of the sky outside the windows.