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101
MUST-HAVES
for the
Beach

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*Cheerful Updates
for Every Room*

*Best Islands
for Beachcombing*

*Easiest-Ever
Frozen Dessert
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Seaside Towns with Style

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LAST SUMMER, while vacationing in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, I developed an obsession: finding a shark's tooth. (Ponte Vedra's sand is notorious for containing the fossilized finds.) As a bona fide beach bum—emphasis on the “bum” part—I confess I've wondered, from the comfort of my fully reclined beach chair, how shark tooth hunters can tune out so much beautiful stimulation—the sound of the waves, the stunning water view, the birds swooping overhead—and stare at the ground step after step, hour after hour.

But at the request of my two little boys, who were (ahem) chomping at the bit to start a shark tooth collection of their own, I traded beach sitting for beachcombing, and I got hooked. Maybe the daily hunt appealed to my results-oriented,* slightly competitive nature (whoever finds the most teeth today gets an extra ice-cream sandwich!), or maybe it was that singular focus on something challenging yet

entirely inconsequential, which helped cultivate an ideal vacation vibe of equal parts energized and relaxed. Whatever the reason, the thrill of the beach hunt won me over.

This month, we're celebrating beach treasures large and small—from the kind you find to the kind you buy. There are the gems our own searches have turned up (everything from the best craft-distilled rum to shell-inspired accessories and sunny paint colors), as well as direction for a hunt of your own—for creative decorating ideas at a slew of our favorite seaside shops, for sweet (and sometimes surprising!) treasures on the world's best beach-combing islands, and even for a home by the sea in one of America's Happiest Seaside Towns.

Perhaps best of all, we've compiled our top sources for where to find all of this year's 101 Beach House Must-haves into a single handy guide (page 110). Happy hunting!

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**My own results were a little pitiful; I found only two shark's teeth during the entire week! Here are three secrets to make your search more fruitful:*
1. *At low tide, search the tide line—the strip of shells left behind by high tides.*
2. *Scoop up shells by the bucketful, and use a sifter to separate out the teeth.*
3. *Search during midday low tides—the sun's high position helps the dark teeth stand out against the sand.*
(Don't forget sunscreen!)



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In the market for a dream home on the coast? This month, we're launching Coastal Living Real Estate, a digital guide to the best listings in our favorite beach towns. Find your own seaside retreat at coastalliving.com/realestate.

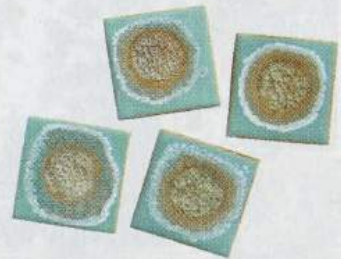
VIEWFINDER

CL staffers share their summer must-haves



"Umbrella perfection = cabana stripes + fringe." —Style Director Lindsey Ellis Beatty

Santa Barbara Umbrellas Mirasol Umbrella, pricing available upon request; sbumbrella.com



"Beachy coasters for cool drinks in hot rooms." —Associate Editor Madeleine Frank

Anthropologie Celestial Coaster Set, \$40; anthropologie.com



"A breezy summer layer for beach house beds." —Homes Editor Ellen McGauley

ModCloth Neap Tide and True Beach Blanket, \$49; modcloth.com



Shop the issue! Look for this icon, and see the complete list of our favorite finds on page 110.