

# Designed for a View

Follow these tips to capitalize on your home's stunning vistas.

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When decorating a room with breathtaking coastal views, your choices should complement not clash with the sea, sun and sky. From color selection (the room is decorated in a palette inspired by the ocean, sand and sunsets) to light installation (the chandelier was selected to complement the view and shine at sunset), Caroline Burke of Caroline Burke Designs and Associates Inc. made a number of choices that helped her stylishly accomplish that task in this home.

“These colors allow the eye to seamlessly extend all the way out to the ocean,” Caroline says. “I wanted the room to feel like it extended out past the ocean.”

Window treatments are hidden in the ceiling and drop down only when needed, keeping the view unobstructed. The wave-like shape of the blue and brown tiles on the fireplace references the ocean just outside. The pendants hung over the kitchen island reminded Caroline of sea urchins.

In addition to creating a stylish contemporary space, Caroline also needed to make it family friendly, and smartly met the challenge.

“I wanted to design a beautiful but worry-free environment for the clients,” she says. “The use of pleathers on the bar stools and dinette chairs, the metal kitchen table and the walnut-color area rug all add to the durability of the house. This home has four children and two dogs, so durability was very important.” ★

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