

BEYOND THE SEA

With natural materials and aqua and sandy tones, Kate Earle has imbued a south-west London home with a secluded beach feel

1. HIDDEN BEHIND

A STREET in Battersea in an extensive secret garden, this house was designed and built in collaboration with BLDA Consultancy. The client loves the ocean and wanted a beach house in the city. We used natural textures such as polished plaster walls, pale oak shelves and a jute rug in a sea-blue hue.

2. The full-height shelves draw the eye up, so you barely notice the solid slab of the mezzanine. They are made from the same brushed timber as the flooring, which was given a weathered effect - we didn't want any shiny surfaces.

3. YOU CAN HAVE TOO MUCH LIGHT with floor-to-ceiling windows, and the interior can get too hot, so we designed louvred shutters for the top half. When it is rainy you need to feel cocooned, so we added curtains in a neutral print that sits quietly in the space.

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Happy **armchairs**, from £4,654 each, Antonio Citterio at Flexform, Customised Gilles **coffee table**, €22,500, Barn in the City. Ikat 6753 **cushions**, \$165 each, Yastik by Rifat Özbek, **Curtains** in Fuji in Sandstone, £130m, de Le Cuona, Claremont **rug** in Sea Blue, £162m, Tim Page Carpets