

# A Coastal Cocoon

Halcyon House, a boutique Australian hotel designed by Anna Spiro, offers summery stays all year round

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The Halcyon House is a lesson in using print on print. Here's the indigo blue is punctuated with warm woods to create a warm yet refined look (OPPOSITE PAGE) From left, Set against the Set against the luminous Pacific Ocean, the waiting area in the spa is inspired by the colours of the ocean; The beautiful blue backdrop is complemented with art inspired by the sea while the wood and cane elements add warmth to it



A masterclass in decorating with a single colour - pair contrasting patterns in similar shades interspersed with bright pops of colour for a striking corner

**P**erched on Cabarita Beach, along the golden coastline of northern New South Wales, is a tranquil oasis that breathes the air of bygone Australian summers. The luxury hotel, christened Halcyon House, is a boutique property with 22 jewel box rooms. Each of its suites has been tailored in a distinct style by interior designer Anna Spiro, who hopes the magic of each stay will linger on in guests' memories long after they have left.

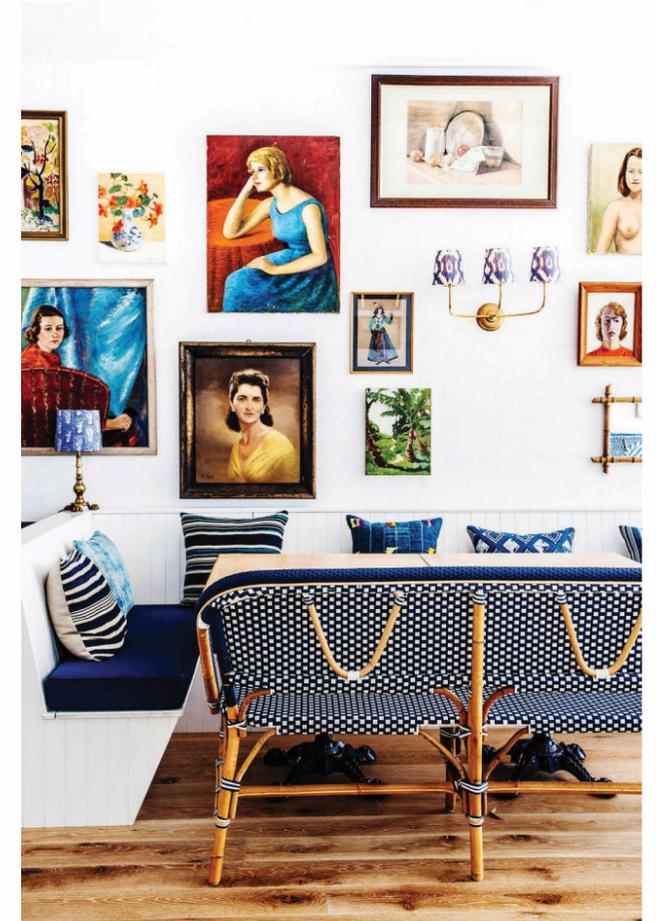
For Anna, it was important that the interior be a window to the world. And so, she put together a bouquet of antiques, furniture and artworks sourced from various countries. "The idea was to create something unique, not currently offered here in Australia. I wanted the interior to seem as if it had been collected over a long period of time, and had always existed," she says.

At Halcyon House, each bedroom has a place under the sun, liter-



From top, The community area has been dressed up like a living room with accents of gold to add that touch of luxe; The Paper Daisy restaurant is reminiscent of azure waters and is decorated with artworks sourced from around the world

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From top, A colourful, embroidered bedback acts as a focal point against the blue backdrop; White tiles paired with a bright blue flooring and brass accents is the perfect recipe for a rustic chic bathroom (OPPOSITE PAGE) From left, The all white facade creates a light and breezy vibe right when you enter; A vignette of antiques, furniture and artworks sourced by Anna

ally. Natural light haloes the farthest walls and the deepest corners, giving each detail pride of place. The bathrooms are also tastefully outfitted, with beautiful English tapware, marble vanities and handmade floor tiles.

If you thought the allure of Halcyon was limited to its stay, you'd be mistaken. Their restaurant, Paper Daisy, is a gastronomic delight, offering coastal cuisine using the region's finest produce. The hotel also houses an eponymous spa, which, with its unique, dome-shaped steam room, promises to be a treat for the skin and the senses in equal measure. ♦ [halcyonhouse.com.au](http://halcyonhouse.com.au)

