

DESIGN FINDS: CELEBRATE SUMMER



As the days get longer and the light grows warmer, one can't help but celebrate summer. In the realm of design, a few elements tend to speak to this season of joy—indoor-outdoor flow, vibrant colors and coastal motifs often top that list. Just ask Melissa Denys. She and her team at Melissa Denys Interiors operate out of Evanston, Illinois, and serve residential clients on the North Shore and throughout downtown Chicago. Given the dramatic winter landscapes this region is known for, it comes as little surprise that when summer rolls around, MDI's clients are ready to embrace it. Happily for all involved, Denys knows just where to turn when she's ready to source new textiles, furnishings, accessories and materials for summer-forward projects: THE MART. Whether designing a transitional or modern space, a kitchen or mudroom, Denys strives to bring the client's personality and way of life into every environment. "I provide luxury residential design that finely balances aesthetics and function, with all of it being informed by the homeowner," she

says. When seasonal inspirations are at play too, the sourcing needs are complex. But THE MART delivers. From stone and tile to rugs to furniture to lighting fixtures, the center has showrooms for it all, inviting design pros and their clients to discover the world's foremost brands in all things home in-person. "There is something transformative about the tactile experience you can have in these showrooms," Denys enthuses. "The sample library is immense, and THE MART on the whole creates an exciting, creatively energizing experience for its visitors." With the warmest time of year top of mind, Denys chose a few selections she has her eye on for summer updates. "These pieces would be great for a client who wants to embrace subtle color, texture and an overall layered look," she says. "I envisioned a casual vibe with some whimsy ... potentially a coastal home or pool house." Either way, THE MART offers each of these selections and more, encouraging the trade and homeowners alike to keep dreaming up inventive, inspiring spaces.

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Designer Picks ...

ENVISION A SUMMER-INSPIRED SPACE FULL OF WHIMSY, WARMTH AND WIT WITH THESE SELECTIONS FROM MELISSA DENYS.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

• ARTISTIC TILE

A tumbled stone in Rosa Perlino, Palazzo Ducale showcases the brilliance of nature's raw creation.

• SUTHERLAND

The Drifter pendant in natural oak is unique and sculptural, with bulbs that are subtle enough to allow the beautiful combination of materials to shine.

• DEDON

Reminding one of an open shell or a blooming flower, the Scoora lantern is a truly effervescent piece.

• SCHUMACHER

Shown in the gorgeous Blush 68921, the Trace of Connection fabric evokes the light and whimsy of summertime.

• HOLLY HUNT

Designed by Christian Astuguevieille in Pink Ocher, the Afrilou Stool brings a cute touch of color and texture with a laid-back feel.

OPPOSITE:

• SCHUMACHER

The Orren Ridge wallcovering in Pewter brings handmade, metallic beauty to interior walls, lending an organic essence.

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