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*The colors & textures of the cool cabana.*

1 Have fun decorating your guest room with vivid colors and textures, but keep in mind that it will be "used" by your guests. 2 This rustic nightstand allows for some necessities. A softly-lit table lamp, bottled water and a few palms are warm and inviting additions. 3 A supply of fluffy towels, an extra duvet for those chilly nights and some light reading material are nice touches that will make your visitors feel welcome.



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Top: Club Babaloo - Bali on the forefront bed pillow & Shepheard Hotel - Malibu on the chair cushion.  
Bottom right: Carmen Miranda drapes.

## DESIGNING & LIVING: BEDROOMS

### ■ AMERICAN COTTAGE


When friends and family roll into town, Plymouth, MA resident Kate Alteri eves in one of the oldest homes in the area, this bedroom is a tribute to the American country cottage. Decked out in red, white and blue, the space invites guests to take part in Fourth of July vacation fun.

The focus is an antique iron bed painted candy apple red and outfitted in the bed, white mismatched bedside tables, and lamps made from old bottles and lanterns add to the room's historical charm. Finished off with a set of rag rugs, this classic American bedroom offers guests a nostalgic nook in which to rest up after a day of summertime festivities.

### ■ CABANA LIVING

Put on your sunglasses and get ready for some cabana living. This cool retreat takes a contemporary slant with elements of mid-century modern and tropical flare. Homeowner and textile designer Suzanne Boucher sets the mood in her guest room with hints of a 1950's resort. Her line of vintage-inspired fabrics mixed with lamps and accessories from the same era take guests back to a time when vacationing was serious business.

### ■ STORYBOOK RETREAT

Nestled among exquisite antique homes, this Norwell, MA cape hides away a tiny bedroom layered in ethereal patterns of soft blue toile and creamy whites. Homeowner Phyllis Hawkins turned her spare bedroom into a snug retreat. Sloping ceilings, rustic beams and a built-in window seat make this space seem like it was snatched from the pages of a storybook. The room is outfitted with an extra fluffy comforter, scads of pretty pillows and a whitewashed Victorian chest. Complete with a delicate blue dresser and a collection of Staffordshire platters on the wall, who wouldn't want to snuggle up in this cozy retreat? 



### Loving Cabana Living

Nothing says "resort" like bamboo and palm leaves. Vintage bark cloth in patterns of oversized palm fronds (*Full Swing Textiles* offers a new line of bark cloth) adds instant resort glamour.

Have some fun with accessories! Funky old radios, sunglasses with rhinestones and chenille bathrobes all help set the mood in this paradise getaway. Your guests will truly be on holiday!

### For the Beach Goer

Provide your guests with a traditional beach bag, "ready to go." Fill a *Full Swing Textiles* signature bag with some useful beach necessities such as towels, books, bottled water and sun block.

### Feeling Green with Envy

Don't forget to add a little green to your paradise. Two large leaves accompanied by an array of bare branches provide a simple yet dramatic flair.

### The Storybook Retreat

Sometimes it's fun to take a theme and run with it. Blue toile wallpaper, elegant pillows and bedding, and a display of blue Staffordshire platters don't overwhelm, but rather bring a sense of comfort and warmth (below).

### Little Things; Small Packages

Because this room is fairly small, Phyllis chose to keep the furnishings to a minimum. Keeping the nightstand and bureau undersized allowed room for a double bed.

### Now your Sitting Pretty

If you're lucky enough to have a built-in window seat, a custom-made cushion can be a relatively inexpensive way to add a tailored and sophisticated touch.

