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WALKER WARNER ARCHITECTS HELP A SILICON VALLEY FAMILY FIND SOLITUDE IN SANTA CRUZ

# THE SEA



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FRESH WHITE WALLS  
IN BENJAMIN MOORE'S  
"ACADIA" COMPLEMENT  
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TOP: LARGE WINDOWS AND FRENCH DOORS CREATE SEAMLESS INDOOR-OUTDOOR LIVING. BOTTOM: AN OUTDOOR LOUNGE AREA SURROUNDS A ROBUST FIRE PIT.

WHEN A SILICON VALLEY couple asked Kathy Scott of Walker Warner Architects to redesign a conspicuous, peach-colored stucco home into a low-key weekend retreat for an active young family, Scott looked to Cliff May for inspiration for casual indoor-outdoor living.

Located on a spectacular bluff, Scott aimed “to connect the house and its outdoor living spaces with the beautiful coastline and provide shelter from the elements on Santa Cruz’s more blustery days.” Scott replaced the old clay tiles with sleek hip roofs and the stucco with clean and durable board and batten and lap siding in warm browns that blends into its environs. Expanded decking and a succession of French doors create an inviting flow for family activities centered around a love of the coast and surfing just down the path.

Inside, Scott opened up ceilings and transformed existing windows and doors to create more volume and light and to maximize the spectacular coastal views. In the master and living rooms, Scott designed exposed





TOP: THE REC ROOM LAYERS BRILLIANT BLUES WITH THE WARM NEUTRALS ON THE SECTIONAL INSPIRED BY STRIPED MEXICAN SERAPES STREWN ON THE BEACH. BOTTOM LEFT: THE LIVING ROOM EVOKES THE SHORE WITH TOUCHES OF SEAGRASS, JUTE, AND SHELLS. BOTTOM RIGHT: THE SUNSET VIEW IS FRAMED BY A LANDMARK MONTEREY CYPRESS.



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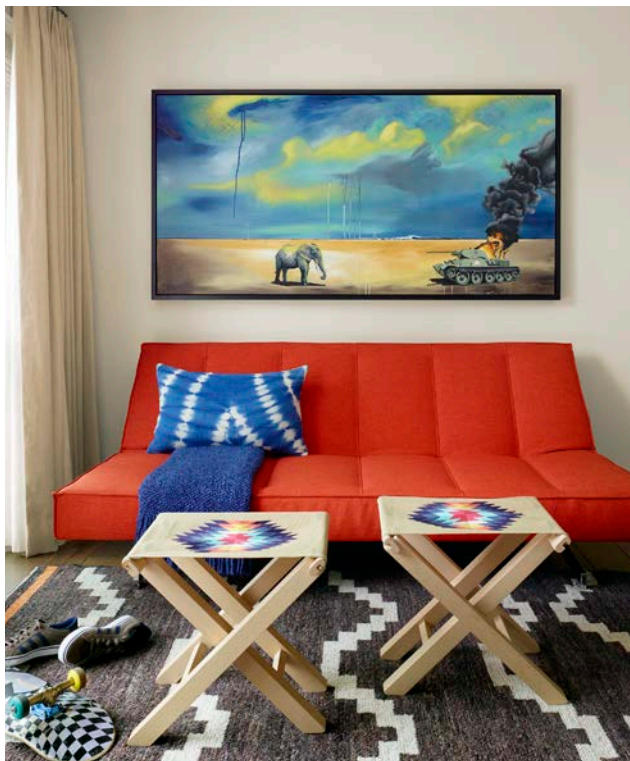
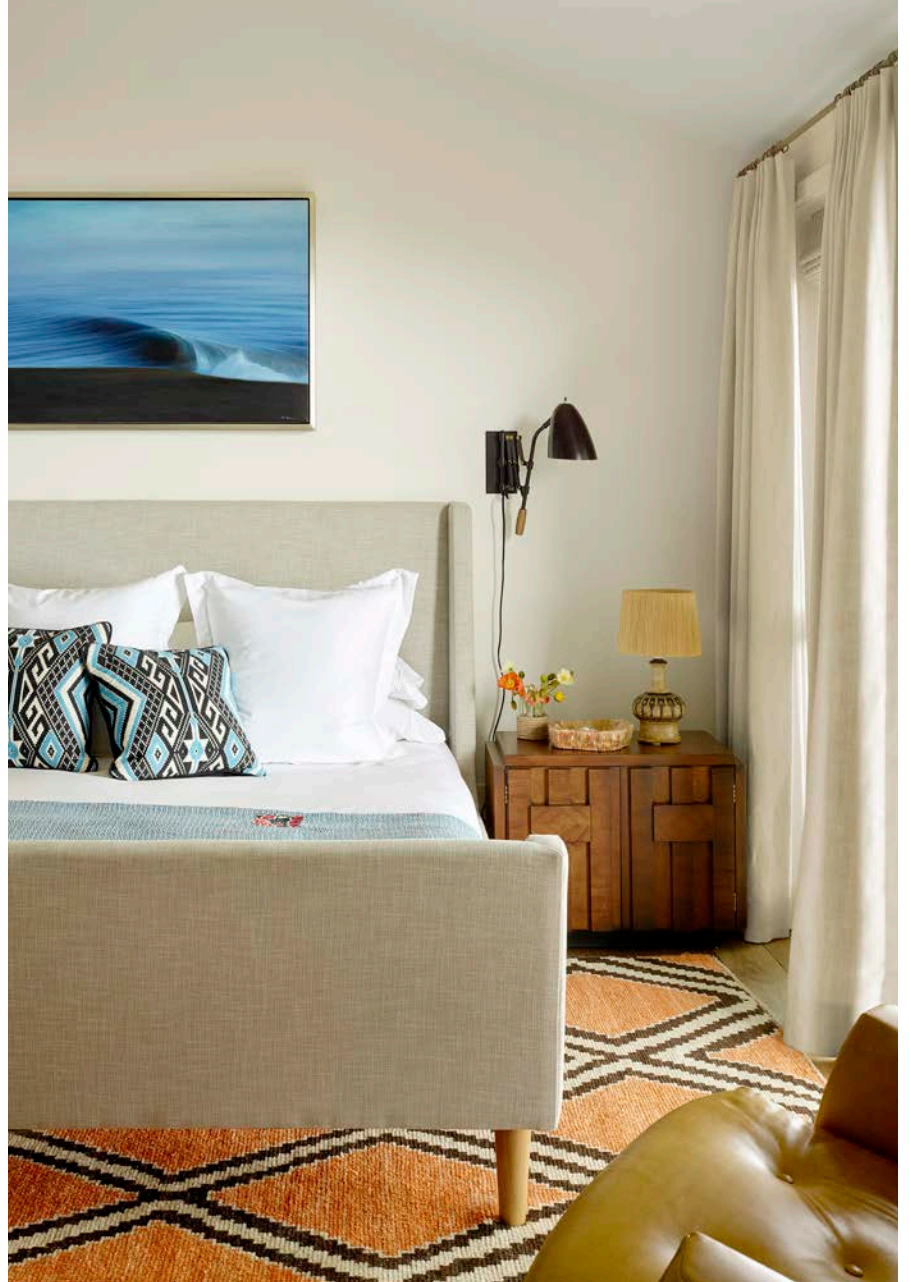
rafters that recall the underside of a boat hull, connecting them to the sea beyond. Two former garages were converted into a more practical surf shack and a cheerful rec room where the family and their friends can play.

Interior designer Jon de la Cruz worked closely with his longtime client to create an extension of their main home in function and quality. This Santa Cruz home is “quintessential California style,” says de la Cruz. “Young, sporty, comfortable, and not fussy, like the family.” The rooms are infused with fresh white and the blues of the sea and feature durable but comfortable flooring for bare feet. In the living room, elements of beach life fit naturally with the decor, while whimsical touches of tie-dye and chunky rope recall the nearby boardwalk.

Stepping down from the living room and wide deck, the sheltered interior patio designed by Boxleaf Design feels like a sunken extension of the home, with low-maintenance plants and smooth hardscaping creating an inviting transition to the outdoors—and a seamless beach lifestyle. — Annette Hanami

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—JON DE LA CRUZ



TOP: A VINTAGE ORANGE AND BROWN MORROCAN RUG ADDS WARMTH AND LUXURY TO THE BEDROOM. BOTTOM LEFT: POPS OF COLOR ENHANCE THE PLAYFUL AMBIANCE. BOTTOM RIGHT: A SPA-LIKE BATHROOM IS SOOTHING AT THE END OF THE DAY.