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Coastal Chic

Pale timber floors and classic painted wicker bring the soft colours of the coast into this interior by Lynette Lochhead of Design on James.

Lochhead says the owners wanted a natural feel for their new, architecturally designed home on the beach on Auckland's North Shore.

"They were looking for casual sophistication, comfort, and ambience," she says.

They asked Lochhead to refurbish loved older pieces and add bespoke furniture.

"Their brief covered the entire spectrum of interiors, from design, colours, fabrics,

soft furnishings, and material selection, to design and manufacture."

She used natural materials like linen, wool, velvet, and cane to complement the harder architectural features – concrete, timber, copper, shutters, and tongue-and-groove wall panelling.

Tauranga-based Lochhead says trends that are hot right now in coastal interiors include sustainability, natural fibres, craftsman furniture, generous indoor and outdoor couches, and a light and bright feel.

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