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### PICTURESQUE PORCHES

# Leading coastal architects and designers share their favorite front porch designs for inspiration.

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The days are getting longer and our sights are set on a summer filled with sunshine and beautiful views. To get you ready, leading coastal architects and designers share their favorite front porch designs for inspiration.

#### **SEASIDE ESCAPE**

This cozy sleeping porch designed by Vicky Serany of Southern Studio is tucked away on the upper level of a beach cottage in coastal North Carolina. The louvered walls provide privacy, but still allow the salt air breeze to flow freely through the space. The swing bed was designed for lazy afternoon naps and reading. Performance fabrics

and coordinating bolster pillows provide durable comfort and contrast with the rich blue and stainless steel materials of the bed. It's the perfect retreat to escape the dog days of summer!



#### SOUTHERN CHARM

Porches have been an integral part of Southern heritage and hospitality – a place for family and friends to gather outdoors and more practically, an escape for many to withstand the hot Southern springs and summers.

This standout Palmetto Bluff home, **Village Home 43**, also available as an accommodation choice at Montage Palmetto Bluff, exudes charming architectural details and includes three inviting porch areas with seating arrangements ranging from a porch swing to cozy couch and chair set and two a full dining areas — perfect for any type of family gathering!



#### WATER VIEWS

Inspired by the surrounding water views, Tom Stringer Design Partners used a calming palette to blend the outdoors and indoors. The outdoor furniture creates a welcoming environment and entertainment space for warm summer nights.

Tom Stringer Design Partners approaches the design process as a voyage of discovering the distinctive story of each client and home, connecting them with a sense of wonder and the communal spirit of their space.



#### **COTTAGE CHARM**

Located in Santa Monica, this charming cottage is typical of the original houses in this seaside neighborhood. This beautiful 1903 home was renovated by Erik Evens of Evens Architects. The front porch provides guests with a warm welcome and offers views of the neighborhood.

Under the umbrella of KAA Design Group, Evens Architects design philosophy is predicated on deep, meaningful connections between the house and the land.



#### **NATURAL SURROUNDINGS**

San Francisco interior designer Alison Pickart embraced the colors of the surrounding nature to create an inviting front porch in this Bay Area home. Using luxurious outdoor fabrics the porch provides a comfortable area for the homeowners to sit and enjoy the beautiful weather that Northern California has to offer. Alison Pickart has two decades of experience and has completed projects throughout the United States and Europe, she brings a unique perspective to the art and process of interior design.

