Savor the South
Recipes, trips, and ideas to enjoy every moment of the season

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Bald Head Island, NC
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Slow Cooker Summer Suppers

Drifting Down the French Broad River
Rick Bragg’s Tomato Sandwich Recipe

Soul of Summer
It’s blackberry season at Blackberry Farm near Walland, TN.
Island Time

We built a laid-back coastal home that embodies the no-hurries, no-worries vibe of Bald Head Island, North Carolina. Enter a space designed for living indoors and our-sprawling porches included.
IF YOU IMAGINE
a Southern Living beach
home, you probably
envision a pastel-
colored, well-supported,
porch-wrapped house
resting between a
sandy, palm-lined,
beach and a blacktop,
shaped highway.
Surprise! Instead, we headed
north and as far east as we
could go off the coastline, actu-
ally to Bald Head Island, North
Carolina, a car-free, accessible,
only-by-boat barrier island
located about 35 miles south of
Wilmington, North Carolina,
and 70 miles north of Myrtle
Beach, South Carolina. The
Cape Fear River borders it to
the west and the Atlantic Ocean
to the east. Bald Head's conserva-
tion ethos—nearly 10,000 of
its 12,000 acres remain in
a preservation easement—shapes
a more organic "island style." The homes may still be
surrounded by porches, but they rest quietly on sand
or beneath the maritime forest canopy. Don't
worry about Wi-Fi. Bald
Head is a real retreat.

Enchanted by the unplug lifestyle, we paired
two Southerners—architect Eric Moser and designer
Lindsey Coral Harper—with similar visions to build
an authentic Carolina coastal getaway. "I wanted to
fit a comfortable house in this landscape so it felt like it
had been here forever," says Moser. Harper's vision
"The interiors should nod to the locale and be light
and comfortable—with a bit of beachy cheekiness."
Step inside our home to see how the duo balanced
livable and lively ideas.

Start with Earth Tones
Many of the floors are the
the room," she says. The "big
but relaxed" printed sofa sets
the living area apart in the
house's open floor plan. A
traditional English roll arm
frame (CD8800E-2; crateand
barrel.com) checks the sofa's
wildness. A bodacious green
ottoman that's for "sitting or
plopping feet," says Harper,
balances the room's compo-
nition and grounds the color.
A swoop of vintage rattan
and brass accessories
completes the room's look.
**Dining Room**

**Define the Space**

In the open floor plan, Harper created the dining area with a rectangular table placed on an Oriental rug. "Fit all the chairs at least partially on the rug," she says. The furniture arrangement is also centered under one of the living and dining areas matching lanterns. With a furniture plan devised, the first components Harper found were the chairs (Malawi Occasional Chair; mecox.com). "They don’t scream ‘dining chairs.’ Because of their relaxed style, they can be pulled elsewhere in the house," she says. While the table may look like a British antique, it’s actually a new, low-cost item from Haynoodle (Hillsdale Pine Island Extension Dining Table; haynoodle.com).

**Harper’s Picks**

A: DJ51282-93 in Flamingos; duralee.com
B: D419971-322 in Evergreen; durable.com
C: Melegati Table in New Brown on Tint (6450-07) by China Seas; quadriafabrics.com
D: 7 Inch Cotton Tassel Fringe in Natural (364-28263-3); samanthalow.com
E: Ferris Cotton Brown on Ecu (AC100-10); quadriafabrics.com

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**Worth the Splurge**

“People aren’t in powder rooms for long, so I like to make them really interesting,” says Harper. She’s already a fan of tortoiseshell, so when she heard about the island’s serious conservation efforts with sea turtles, she went for this sophisticated wallpaper print (Tortoise in Amazon; fschumacher.com) and accessorized with resin turtle shells from Haynoodle on the walls. The Absolute Black granite-topped vanity makes the dark walls and hammered-brass sink (nurturefetishusa.com) stand out even more. Harper also added customizable acrylic-and-brass sink legs (sinklegs.com).

“I do this all the time. It makes any sink look really beautiful,” she says.
HEAT AND HUMIDITY can take a toll on a home. Here are Moser’s tips for beating extreme conditions.

ELIMINATE HIDDEN LAYERS The “ceilings” shown here are actually the bottom of the upstairs floors. This approach helps you instantly spot mold and mildew that can build up between layers of drywall.

USE STURDY MATERIALS Unlike drywall ceilings and walls, those made of tongue and groove and shiplap can expand and contract as the weather shifts without consequence.

Moser left this opening so heat would rise from the kitchen and drift out through the second-story porch.

KITCHEN

Design for Crowds

“No matter what, the kitchen will be the gathering spot, so I try to make it inviting while also defining it for the cook,” says Moser about this free-floating, open space centered around a 4- by 8-foot island. An opening in the ceiling lets hot air escape upstairs, cutting down on energy bills and creating a great vantage point from above. Harper marked the spot with an oversized lantern from Coleen & Company and had no qualms about combining it with two Hicks pendants.

“It looks richer to mix finishes,” she says. Cocoa touches—like the tan island cabinetry (Dormer Brown, SW 7521; shervinwilliams.com) and the outside countertops made of sand-colored quartz—warm up the kitchen. A modernized, Southern-made kitchen went with polished brass detailing hangs over the range (Vent-A-Hood Model PD84; ventahood.com). Harper flanked it with art from Blackwell Botanicals.

Try This at Home (at left) Basic subway tile is applied in a subtle herringbone pattern and topped with a $12 brass Scholar Wall (schluter.com). “It gives the look more oomph,” says Harper. Idea House project manager Nate Reddock adds, “Anyone can do this—no special tools required.”

BACK PORCH

Open for Service

The kitchen’s bifold windows (Marvin Signature Series; marvin.com) fold open like a drive-through window, providing easy access to the outdoor serving area and the grilling station tucked in the corner. The window’s striped冷静es—like valance is double-sided, so you can admire it from inside and outside. Behind the bar on the porch is an outdoor seating area with a mix of different furniture styles, including the dining chairs from inside and pops of coral and green for continuity with the interiors.
The Bright Idea

With windows and doors that let light pour in while showcasing the gorgeous environment of Bald Head Island, N.C., this year’s Southern Living Idea House is the perfect example of indoor-outdoor living.

1. **Create Al Fresco Ease**
   A Marvin bi-fold window seamlessly combines an indoor kitchen and outdoor bar. "We had the idea of making it really easy to pass food and drinks right out to guests onto the patio through this huge window," says interior designer Lindsey Coral Harper.

2. **Go for a Fluid Floorplan**
   Windowed doors provide an uninterrupted sightline through the house and provide a first impression of openness. "We aligned the front and back doors and chose glass designs by Marvin," explains Eric Moser of Moser Design Group.

3. **Showcase Nature**
   When your surroundings are like a work of art, windows act like frames. "A row of Integrity windows coupled with botanical-print wallpaper highlights the beautiful yard," says Jeff Sanderson of Whitney Blair Custom Homes.

4. **Lighten Up**
   Enjoy a sun-drenched living area without worrying about your energy bill. Marvin uses glass that blocks out heat and UV rays without blocking natural light. "There's no need to use window treatments," says interior designer Lindsey Coral Harper.

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“Aqua bedrooms are so soft and livable. They work equally well for both men and women.”
LINDSEY CORAL HARPER, INTERIOR DESIGNER

MASTER BEDROOM

Master One Pattern

“This whole room began with the Thibaut fabric,” says Harper about the print that she used strategically and practically. “The big window needed curtains. These are actually the only ones in the house.” Bedrooms require privacy, but the rest of the downstairs sits curtain-free to maximize the views. “The smaller windows needed softening with Roman shades,” she explains. A row of three 26-inch Euro shams fills out an 83-inch-wide king bed (inserts make the shams less wide) and are an “approachable way to use pillows,” she says. The lower wooden bed was selected to fit under the window, and its finish is dark enough to add some importance to the room along with the different bedside tables. “There’s no rule that nightstands must match,” Harper adds.

HARPER’S PICKS

[A] Fair Isle in Aqua (F988734); thibautdesign.com [B] Mod Hex Cabinet Pull in Polished Nickel; emtek.com [C] Belle 3; cementtileus.com [D] Rittenhouse Square in Biscuit (K175); daltile.com [E] Seagrass Wallpaper in Celeste (20232-12); cowtan.com
YELLOW BEDROOM

Hello, Yellow!

"This room is very adult and beach chic. The yellow has a bit of brown in it, which works well with the natural bamboo and rattan elements in here," says Harper. "I had the wainscoting built 5'1" inches tall so the wallpaper wouldn't overwhelm the space." An airy but substantial bed fills the room (Seagrass Rope Canopy King Bed; mecub.com). "Clearance is key with canopies," Harper advises.  "Leave at least a foot between the top of the bed and the ceiling." A vintage fan chair rests in the corner. "Because it's such a statement piece, I paired it with a plain upholstered chair," she says.

HARPER'S PICKS:
- Venetian Calacatta
- 3 x 6 Subway Tile Polished & Honed (M474); daltile.com
- Wallpaper in 04H52538; sirmisplace.com
- Palmyra in Yellow (8025-21); hinescompany.com
- 1” French Grosgrain Ribbon in Sunflower (977-44323-299); samuelanltenors.com
- Flora Teco-Geometric, malcolmldesign.com
- Creamy (SW 7012); sherwin-williams.com

YELLOW BATH

Elevate Cheerful

Harper worked all new fabrics into this bath. "Using coordinating—not matching—prints in adjoining rooms looks more interesting," she notes. A vintage double-X bench gets renewed with a tropical geometric print fabric, and grosgrain ribbon trims the gray-striped wallpaper. Yes, it's possible to pair ribbon with wallpaper. Bronze sink fixtures (Cassidy in Venetian Bronze; deltofincerts.com) modernize the classic pedestal sink, while vintage mirrors and rattan sconces hang above.
Serious Definition Below, deep blue cabinets and trim (Turkish Tile, SW 7610: sherwin-williams.com) counteract the wallpaper’s playfulness. Mimic Curves The scalloped green mirror by Oomph (right) complements the wallpaper’s clementine print. Scallops on the upholstered headboard (below, right) accentuate the fabric’s orange-tree pattern.

THE CROFTER

Go Bananas

"Crofter" is a peculiar term that describes the golf cart garages on Bald Head Island homes; it's also a great place for a guest suite. "Coastal houses need flexible accommodations," Moser says. Harper lured visitors to this suite by scheming it around a monkey wallpaper motif. "I didn’t choose it just for the monkeys. I like the colors and the way it’s drawn too," she notes. A vintage banana chandelier hangs in the center. "It’s like the monkeys are climbing to get the bananas!” she says.

HARPER’S PICKS

A) Suvi in Clementine (7616/05): romo.com
B) Acacia Blue & Green (109/11052.CS) by Cole & Son; leejofta.com
C) Orange Grove in Vermillion; radishmoon.com

TWIN BEDROOM & BATH

Think Thematically

In the main house’s third bedroom and bath (below and above), Harper built the design around a new textile she had to have: Radish Moon’s Orange Grove. Kismet led her to the bedroom’s orange chandelier—sort of. “They’re actually apples that I painted to look like oranges,” she says. It hangs high enough so no one can tell. A zigzaggy double valance made of green and khaki fabrics is “simple but unexpected,” and a round orange lamp by Christopher Spitzmiller adds an extra pop of color on the desk.
Harper's Best Tips
THE GEORGIA-NATIVE, MANHATTAN-BASED DESIGNER SPILLS HER DECORATING SECRETS

PEOPLE TRY TO MAKE things perfect, and that's where they go wrong. They buy everything either expensive or cheap. It comes from the same catalog or in one color. That's all wrong. Mix it up. Layer. Edit. That's how to make your home feel right. Forget matching. Think blending. Rather than using just the two main colors in a pattern, work in the obscure ones too. And go beyond those in the palette. For instance, there wasn't any green in the living room sofa's print, but that ottoman worked! Also, don't wait until your house is finished to invite friends over, because it'll never be done. It's always changing—and your friends won't mind. ichinteriors.com

"I like unexpected combinations that most people might be scared to try. But trust me—I test them out for a living!"

LINDSEY CORAL HARPER, INTERIOR DESIGNER

Paint Your Floors
Harper connected us with decorative painter Jay C. Lohmann, who created the floor pattern shown at right. Step it up in your home by following his advice.

GET COMFORTABLE You get great results, but painting can take longer than you might think. Be sure to follow the drying directions on each paint can, and wear kneepads. Start small by trying a large, simple pattern first.

PREP PROPERLY Begin with clean, porous floors. Sand them, if possible (this is not always necessary), and then prime. I prefer one coat of oil-based primer. Let it dry for 24 hours before covering the floors with one or two coats of paint. Tinted primer will save you a step.

CREATE PATTERNS ScotchBlue Painter's Tape for Delicate Surfaces (amazon.com) helps make straight edges and designs right on the floor. I also create my own stencils by cutting patterns into heavy paper. Using paper may sound odd, but the paint dries on it, creating a sort of seal.

SEAL, SEAL, SEAL! As with martinis, a couple are okay but three coats are optimal. I prefer a low-sheen, water-based sealant (like Minwax Polycrylic Protective Finish), because each coat adds more shine. Let each layer dry before applying the next one, or it will become a gooey mess.
Blank Walls Are Sad Walls
Harper offers her top tips for adding the finishing layer to your home and proves that art doesn't have to cost a lot to make you smile.

Galleries shouldn’t intimidate you. Just because a piece is hanging on white walls, that doesn’t mean you can’t afford it. You’ll be surprised. At least go in for some research and development.

Frame artwork cleanly. Swap the ornate styles for simple white, black, gold, or silver versions that play off the tones in your art. Check out Framebridge (framebridge.com), which lets you upload a photo of your art and test out the framing options. Send in the piece, and they’ll mail it back within two weeks.

Hang it right. The top quarter of the artwork should be the head of an average-height person. Men tend to hang things too high. And don’t be afraid to arrange paintings with different prints on the same wall—it’s all about the mix!

I Heart Vintage Shopping
Older pieces help a home feel sophisticated but still attainable. I prefer that everything not be so shiny and new. A few beat-up furnishings look good to me because they give a room character. But it’s also about achieving a balance and combining the new elements with the old. Otherwise, the room will start looking more like a flea market.

WHAT I BUY
Brass Objets d’Art
I look for small things with personality that I cannot find at Crate and Barrel. If it’s under $50 and makes me laugh, I’m getting it.

Drinks Tables and Shapely Chairs
They are super versatile and can also be used throughout the house.

Vintage Lighting
How could I have passed up the banana chandelier? Vintage fixtures are great but often need rewiring.

WHERE I’M BUYING
Chairish
You’ll find a range of items and prices, but the website (and app) are well curated. You can talk to vendors directly and shop items in your area to save on shipping.

Small-Town Antiques Malls or Junk Shops
Found treasures are the best; I shop for objects, not provenance.

Florida’s Dixie Highway
Hitting the amazing shops along this road is like heaven.

I DO MY OWN CUSTOM WORK
Just the right mirror was needed to cover this window, but I did not want to spend a lot. I spotted the metal round mirror from CB2, which originally looked too hard in the space, so I softened it by hot-gluing rope around it. I hung it from a pulley (Design Toscania Vintage Large Wheel Farm Pulley: amazon.com) and riggit up myself. A similar stunt happened in the yellow bath (page 95). I knew that the gray-striped wallpaper needed an extra splash, and it hit me in the middle of the night to trim it with ribbon. After 15 yards of yellow grosgrain ribbon and some Welbond Universal Adhesive—voilà!

FROM LEFT: Harper Sheer in Sun (F305-3), carletonv ltd.com; Pendeen in Beige (F4142-02) by Colefax and Fowler, cowtan.com; Lambada in Natural and Blue (J780F-02) by Jane Churchill, cowtan.com; Capri in Beige/White (6943-02), fschumacher.com
THE EXTERIOR

Keep Your Neighbors Happy

"I looked to historic homes along the Southeastern coast for inspiration," says Moser, who also surveyed Bald Head Island's existing homes to ensure the new house would fit into the community in both shape and spirit. The result is this straightforward coastal cottage that's "free of refined ornamentation, with extensive porches and long overhangs on both the front and back to protect from the sun and rain as well as pull people outdoors," explains Moser. James Hardie siding and trim (artisanluxury.com) look like classic wood siding but are actually a fiber-cement composite that will hold up better in the coastal humidity—with no painting required! (For a similar palette, try Gray Screen, SW 7017, and Pure White, SW 7005; sherwin-williams.com.) A low-maintenance aluminum roof tops off the exterior.

Live Outside Over 1,300 square feet of outdoor living space is provided by the ample porches surrounding the home.
Take the Tour
See how architect Eric Moser designed this 3,281-square-foot, 4-bedroom, 4½-bath house with fewer, more useful rooms.

1 | One Room Deep Open living, dining, and kitchen areas align with windows and porches to max out natural light, views, and cross-ventilation for cooling.

2 | Hidden Mudroom Storage space can be tricky in an open floor plan, but Moser used sliding barn doors to hide a closet called the “sand room” behind the refrigerator.

3 | Minimize Useless Hallways He concealed the washer and dryer with cabinetry and placed them in a pass-through space between the master bath and sand room.

4 | Getaway Porches The screened sleeping porch off the upstairs landing and the open porch off the yellow bedroom offer privacy.

5 | Flexible Quarters Above the crofter (garage) is a bedroom, bath, and kitchenette with its own entrance via a breezeway. This smart amenity can be used as an office, a mother-in-law suite, or even for rental income.

Build It!
Buy the house plan for the Islander Cottage (SL-1951) at southernliving.com/ideahouse.

MEET THE BUILDER
JEFF SANDERSON
Ocean Isle Beach, NC: whitneyblair.com

BORN TO BUILD I started in residential land development, but the architecture, details, and client interaction drew me to the building side in the 1980s.

ISLAND LOGISTICS I get to Bald Head via ferry and then take a golf cart (a souped-up one) to the jobsite, but all the materials come over on a barge, which can be daunting to coordinate. The barge operators are the unsung heroes of every house we build on Bald Head!
Plan Your Escape

BOARD THE FERRY AND HEAD TO THIS SUBTROPICAL WONDER RIGHT OFF NORTH CAROLINA’S COAST

JUST OVER AN HOUR FROM Wilmington, North Carolina, and accessible only by boat, Bald Head Island is like taking a step back in time. There are no high-rise buildings, drive-throughs, franchises, or traffic lights—and cars are not permitted on the island. Instead, residents and vacationers cruise around on golf carts or bicycles, and it’s not uncommon to spot a kayak or inner tube in tow. Visitors come for the nature, and who wouldn’t? On Bald Head Island, 10,000 of the 12,000 acres are set aside as nature preserves. Beaches stretch for 14 miles with 2,000 acres of dunes surrounding the island. A sprinkling of tall, shingled homes dots the coastline, all tucked beneath the watch of Old Baldy, the 200-year-old lighthouse. Homes, shops, and miles of walking trails set within a dense forest of cedars, live oaks, and palms fill the bulk of the inhabited lower portion of the island. Whether you’re planning a day trip or a week away, here’s what you need to know about this coastal escape.

Eat

Dining options on the island are principally located at the marina and the private clubs, the Shoals Club and the Bald Head Island Club, which offer both formal and casual options (if you have guest access). If you’re only visiting for the day, stop by Sandpiper Coffee & Ice Cream for sweet treats and breakfast and Delphina Coastal Cuisine for lunch or dinner. For grocery pit stops, head to the island’s Maritime Market.

SANDPIPER COFFEE & ICE CREAM

They have the best iced coffee on the island. Located right next to the ferry, they also serve up local ice cream and breakfast daily. sandpipercoffee.com

DELPHINA COASTAL CUISINE

A Latin-inspired restaurant, this spot offers margaritas and hearty portions of salsa, quesadillas, and guacamole. Try the shrimp tacos or Cubano sandwich. delphinabc.com

MARITIME MARKET

This full-size grocery store has a newly expanded market cafe that serves sandwiches and pizza. Stock your rental house, or pick up a few items for a picnic. maritimemarketbh.com

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DR. CHRIS SHANK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BALD HEAD ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Get There & Get Around

Traveling to this remote island requires some planning.

If you’re flying into Wilmington, take a taxi (apvl��sriyolab.com) from the airport to Deep Point Marina in Southport, North Carolina. For most of the year, a ferry departs from there every hour (on the hour), so plan your time accordingly. You’ll need to be ready to see the ferry leave. If you’re visiting during the height of the season, plan for multiple options to arrive at the marina. If you’re planning on golf carts, you’ll need to rent them at Deep Point Marina, where you can catch a tram to your house (reserve online at baldheadisland.ferry.com/tram), or rent golf carts for the day from Cary Cart Company (reservations recommended: bhcarts.com). For the athletically inclined, Riverside Adventure Company (riverioradventure.com) offers a guided tour along the 14 miles of coast.

Play

If adventure is calling your name, rent some kayaks and surfboards at the Sail Shop (sailshopbh.com) or stand-up paddleboards from Coastal Urge (coastalurge.com). To learn more about the island’s natural environment, head to the Bald Head Island Conservancy (bhc.org), where you can sign up for a guided nature tour or stay along for a sea turtle nest patrol. Hike through the Bald Head Woods Maritime Forest Preserve by entering any of the trailheads along Federal Road. Travel back in time with a tour of the island’s iconic lighthouse and unofficial mascot, Old Baldy. (Take the 108 stairs all the way to the top for some unparalleled views.) There’s also golf available through the Bald Head Island Club. Check out bhiclassisland.com/events for other great activities.

HIT THE BEACH

Even if you’re not staying by the shore, you can head to any of the public access points along the 14 miles of coast.

SEE THE SEA TURTLES

Learn about sea turtles and the secrets of this barrier island environment at the Bald Head Island Conservancy (bhc.org).

MEET THE MASCOT

Visit Old Baldy, the oldest standing lighthouse in the state, which just celebrated its 200th birthday (idolville.org).

Shop

Load up on beach gear at Island Hardware, where they sell not only tools, housewares, and garden supplies but also the best selection of beach toys and chairs for days on the sand (910-454-0610). For thoughtfully curated home goods and coastal style inspiration, head over to Room Service (roomservicebh.com). If you have space in your luggage for one more outfit, pop into Coastal Urge or Bald Head Blues (baldheadblues.com), which are stocked with preppy island must-haves like clothing by Lilly Pulitzer and Vineyard Vines. When it comes time to pick up some souvenirs, shop at Turtle Central (turtlcentral.org/store), where the proceeds directly benefit the Bald Head Island Conservancy. (The shop is on the conservancy campus.)

Hidden Beaches

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Stay

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If adventure is calling your name, rent some kayaks and surfboards at the Sail Shop (sailshopbh.com) or stand-up paddleboards from Coastal Urge (coastalurge.com). To learn more about the island’s natural environment, head to the Bald Head Island Conservancy (bhc.org), where you can sign up for a guided nature tour or stay along for a sea turtle nest patrol. Hike through the Bald Head Woods Maritime Forest Preserve by entering any of the trailheads along Federal Road. Travel back in time with a tour of the island’s iconic lighthouse and unofficial mascot, Old Baldy. (Take the 108 stairs all the way to the top for some unparalleled views.) There’s also golf available through the Bald Head Island Club. Check out bhiclassisland.com/events for other great activities.

HIT THE BEACH

Even if you’re not staying by the shore, you can head to any of the public access points along the 14 miles of coast.

SEE THE SEA TURTLES

Learn about sea turtles and the secrets of this barrier island environment at the Bald Head Island Conservancy (bhc.org).

MEET THE MASCOT

Visit Old Baldy, the oldest standing lighthouse in the state, which just celebrated its 200th birthday (idolville.org).