



# Coastal Lights

By CHRIS FRANCIN  
VENICE GULF COAST LIVING MAGAZINE

Going to the beach soon? If you are about to enjoy the beauty of the Gulf, why not consider taking home some souvenirs to add a little coastal flair to your home?

Decorating with candles and shells certainly can add a beachy, coastal look to your living space. They are the perfect duo to brighten up a side table, bookshelf, and even a fireplace.

We prefer battery-operated lights since they are easier and safer to decorate with than real candles, which should not be left unattended when lit.

Shells are so versatile and can be implemented in so many home

design ideas. As an example, like the photo above, tea lights are perfect to place inside and around shells and other coastal treasures.

The kind of ambiance you achieve will depend on how you pair the shells and candles together and where you place them. Displayed in your living space, this combination can contribute a whimsical feel and a reminder of your day spent at the beach. Arranged on a dining table as a centerpiece, it sets the mood for a beautiful, elegant dinner.

If you are ready to enjoy some coastal lights, here are some ideas to get you started...

## TERRARIUM LIGHTS

Set a relaxing mood by placing small shells in each terrarium and topping it with a candle. Scatter small shells around the terrariums to enhance the design.



## DESIGN & STYLE

### SUMMER COLLECTION

Gather your summer beach finds and create a unique side table design.



### AT THE BEACH

Favorite beach treasures are the perfect design choice for decorating your guest bathroom with that "beachy" feel.

### COASTAL FIREPLACE

Brighten up the inside of your fireplace with pillar candles, rope, and shells.

