



THE EXPERT: Naomi Cleaver

'For me thoughts of the seaside mostly bring to mind other lands, the lands that we might reach beyond the horizon, and those that are manifest in salty beach trash...or could that be treasure? Living by the sea is the ultimate in the best things in life being free. The brilliant, film-maker Derek Jarman showed us with child-like joy how to make a garden out of ubiquitous plastic marine waste around his ex-fisherman's hut home in Dungeness. And walking along the beach at Budleigh Salterton recently the place is a delight of magnificent driftwood animal sculptures, thanks to a happy combination of creative humans and recent storms.

So to create the genuine quirks of coastal living in your home take inspiration from Mr.Jarman and one of my favourite artists, Steve McPherson (stevemcpherson.co.uk), and create art yourself. I love working with driftwood too - I'm not the best DIY-er but when the materials are free then it's wimpish NOT to experiment - and I have made quite good lamp bases and even Christmas trees out of the stuff.'

Learn more

Naomi is holding an Interior Design Masterclass on 10 May at Combe House Hotel. Find out more at combehousedevon.com/naomicleaver



Right: Carry the beach hut motif across your sofa with this cushion £2395 from coastalhome.co.uk

Below: Handwoven under the sun: lightweight bath and hand towel set £35 twovillecampagne.co.uk



Above: Somewhere to store your snorkel, flippers, buckets and spades: set of nautical baskets £35 from houseoffraser.co.uk