SUMMER SUMMER

The colors of sunshine and surf create an easy-breezy vibe that lasts year-round. BY TERRY TRUCCO



CORAL / TAKE THE PLUNGE

Coral is a color wheel drama queen, a hot-weather take on red—upbeat and vibrant. "It gives you the best of both worlds," says Los Angeles designer Sasha Emerson. "It's less brassy than orange, and less cheesy than the red you see on signs at used car lots." If you plan to use it on walls, make sure the room gets plenty of natural light. "You need white paneling or lots of windows to break up the color so you don't feel like you're in a big pumpkin," notes Laura Casey, a Charlotte, North Carolina-based interior designer. A pop of orangey-red on a pillow or lamp brings the glow of summer to a monochromatic room, says San Francisco Bay Area color expert Kelly Berg. "It's a lot of bang for the buck."

