

Decorating Ideas for Florida Design

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1. The great state of Florida is a [wealth](#) of inspiration for [home decor](#). If you like old world charm, southern comfort, the relaxing atmosphere of the beach or bold tropical flair, you can find it in Florida design. It doesn't matter whether you live in Florida or not, you can feel like you are on vacation with Florida-style decorating.

Old World-Style Decor

2. The land we now call Florida was where the first Europeans settled on this continent. The Spanish were here long before the existence of Jamestown and lent that influence to Florida styles. To capture this style, use textured walls or faux paint treatments such as ragging and dry brushing, and paint warm colors on the wall such as terra cotta or deep golds. Use lots of colorful accents such as electric blue or sea green. Ceramic [tile floors](#) and ornate wood furnishings help further bring in the European inspiration. Incorporate furnishings and architectural elements of wrought iron, such as chandeliers, gates or even use an old gate as a wall hanging for an unexpected embellishment. Woven natural fabrics in warm colors and Spanish clay pottery help complete the look.

Southern-Style Decor

3. Florida may be unique in many ways, but it's still in the south. Because of this, you'll find a lot of Southern style in Florida. Create a country or cottage atmosphere in your [home](#) with mismatched furniture sets with slightly worn or distressed finishes. A large part of country style is incorporating nature in the home, like seashell-framed mirrors, potted palms or rattan furnishings. Wicker baskets on floating shelves or tucked in corners make practical and beautiful storage solutions. [Arts](#) and crafts from local fairs or folk art make excellent decorative touches, or show off your collections of things like antique teacups or rag dolls. Being a country home, it must include flowers, either freshly picked in a vase on the table, or dried and hanging in bundles from the rafters.

Beach or Nautical Decor

4. If you've ever considered how nice it would be if you could live at the beach, don't dream anymore. You can create that atmosphere for yourself even if you live in the heart of a major city and miles from the shore. Florida beach and nautical decor incorporates a soothing backdrop with an aquamarine, ocean blue or off-white palette. Simple cotton or sheer panels on the windows and woven grass rugs on the floor help keep the room feeling light and airy. Then punch it up with colors--such as a tropical fish mural--a cargo net hung on the wall featuring seashells and sand dollars, fabrics printed with boats, anchors and other nautical themes.

Tropical-Style Decor

5. Bring the tropics indoors with a sandy, neutral background splashed with bold colors and patterns. Bright floral curtains, throw pillows and upholstery make a statement against tan walls, a bamboo screen and woven grass rug. Furniture made of dark stained wood, bamboo or natural grasses lend to the tropical feel. Scatter potted plants and framed prints of palm leaves around the room to make you feel like you're living on the edge of a rainforest. Island trinkets that could have washed up on shore, such as Tiki statues and sea glass collected in a bowl, make fitting accessories.

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