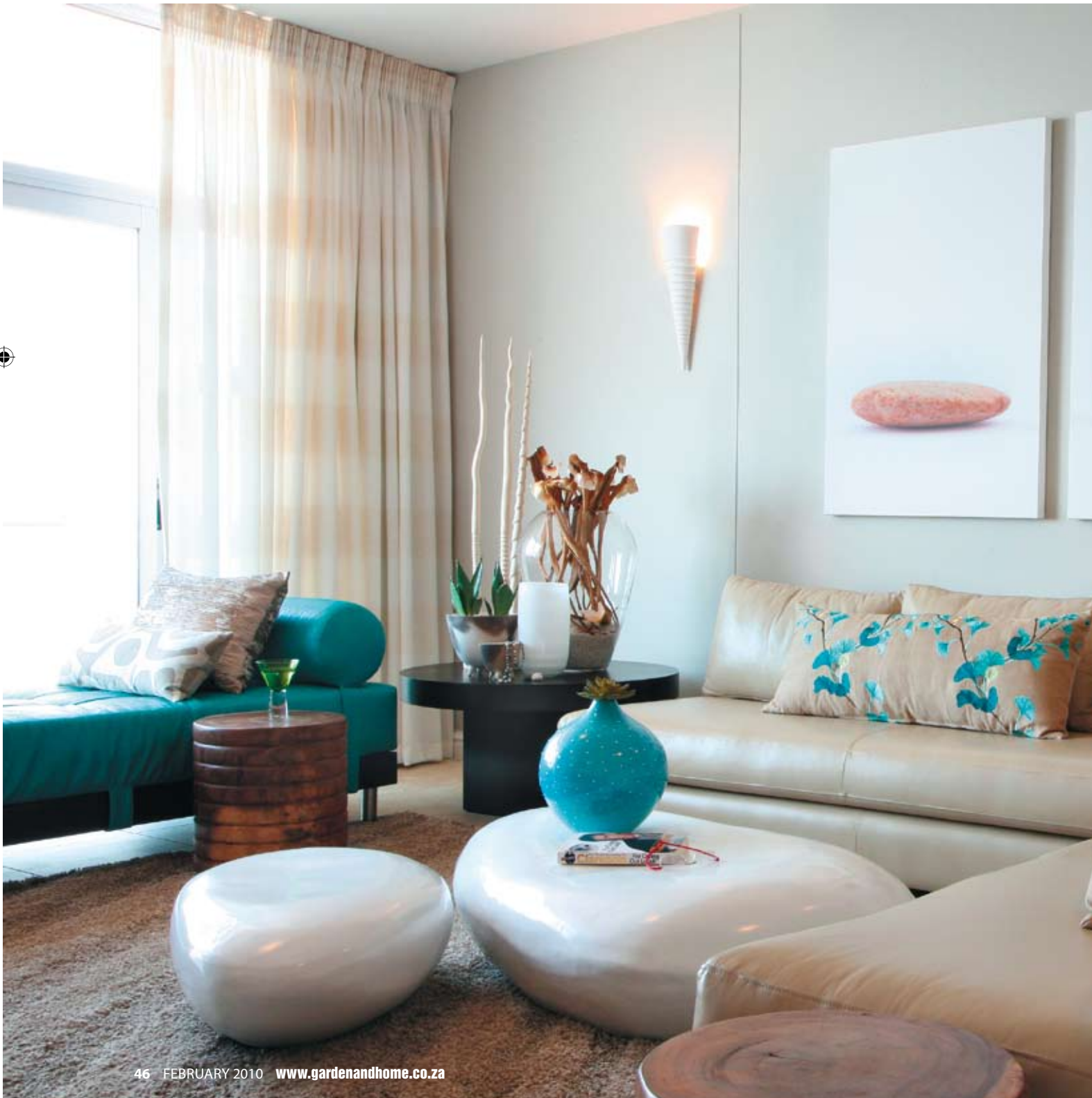


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*This coastal apartment proves that you can create a family-friendly space without sacrificing style*



MAIN PICTURE: The fabrics in the lounge were carefully chosen for their textural quality, originality and durability. The corner unit is upholstered in genuine leather, colour Mocca Latte, from Woodhead's. The white pebble coffee tables and the canvas prints are linked in colour and shape. The rug from Rugs Original has a rippled sand design, and is very tough and durable. A collection of organic pieces on a side table capture the beach theme beautifully.

RIGHT: The shape of the balcony's railing reminds one of a luxury ocean liner. The simple cane furniture is weather resistant and the colours restful.



The daybed, placed next to the window so you can enjoy the view, is upholstered in sensible vinyl, Dundee, colour Mermaid, from Hertex Fabrics, and is easy to wipe clean.

As the family are avid readers, floating books have been included in the lounge so that their favourites are close at hand, but are positioned high enough to keep treasured ornaments safely out of reach of inquisitive fingers. "I used a lot of rounded furniture to avoid knocking themselves on sharp edges. They love shaped coffee tables and it's their favourite play reading area," says Odette.

Loose jute rugs are scattered on the neutral tones that can cope with the sand that inevitably gets tracked from the beach, and the walls are a soft, half-tinted blue is restful and ideal for the artworks which range from muted neutrals to gentle pastels.

The open-plan living area comprising the kitchen and sitting room leads onto a curved balcony, and glass doors are stacked back this space becomes an extension of the living room. Here, casual weatherproof furniture again in a stone colour with accents of sea green is a spot in which to unwind while enjoying the view.

Odette decorated the bedrooms with the different colours in mind. "The bedrooms are small, so the furnishings simple and instead opted to use the

Of the guest bedroom "It was really the only I didn't have to be too about making everything friendly so I went all with an ostrich feather scatter cushion, lots of elements and the moiré periwinkle blue paisley. The wallpaper is from Collection from St Leg



The family enjoys reading together.



Looking at the sophisticated colours and shapes in this apartment, you'd never guess that 'child friendly' was a concept Durban decorator Odette Uys, of eye candy interiors, had to keep firmly in mind when she decorated it. As they have two young sons, this Gauteng-based couple wanted their holiday home on the Dolphin Coast to be a place where the whole family could relax without being too concerned about maintenance.

The colours in the living area are a sensible stone with fresh accents of turquoise and white. Besides being practical, these hues mirror the sea and sand of the beach just over the road. The fabrics are soft and luxurious, but are also easy to keep clean and a mix of materials like wood, leather, man-made fibres and fibre glass have been combined to pleasing effect. ▶

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The furniture in the master bedroom is quite masculine but the accessories were chosen to soften the room with a flush of femininity. "I believe bedrooms should appeal equally to men and women, so I decided to use a sophisticated magenta as the accent colour," says Odette.

'adornment' – wallpapers and interesting canvas prints add personality and charm to each room," she says.

The master bedroom is a tranquil retreat in white, grey and fuchsia pink, while the children's bedroom is a colourful combination of stone, brown and brilliant blue stripes with high headboards, well padded to withstand the boys' energetic games. The only space in the apartment that is not child friendly is the guest bedroom. It is a froth of blue and white in sheer and fluffy fabrics creating a dreamlike quality. **GEH**

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In the master bedroom, Odette designed a storage unit that doubles as a dressing table with a large round mirror above. The wallpaper is from the Prestigious Woodland Collection, Code 1900/934, from Stuart Graham Furnishing Fabrics.