

A coastal scene with waves crashing against a rocky shore under a cloudy sky. The water is a deep blue-green, and the rocks are a mix of brown and grey. The sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds.

BY THE SEA

Whether it's the colours or simply the mood, the sea is an abundant source of inspiration. Neutral sand tones, crisp white linens and washy blue accents all conjure up ocean environs and are perfect for an Australian coastal wedding

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**FOLDED FLOTSAM**

Ocean-inspired invitations (this page), thank you cards, name tags and menu – all perfect for the coastal couple.

OUTSIDE IN

On the table (opposite page), the understated elegance of a formal setting, with shell-embossed glasses, antique cutlery and shell-embossed plates, allows the food to take centre stage. Add a touch of luxury with a white linen tablecloth such as 'Jour Classic', \$160, from Lucienne Linen. Place table runners to add texture, \$19.95, from Freedom. Tortured willow from Bloom and Style. Hurricane vases from Lucienne Linen. Candles from Freedom. 'Versailles' glass plates, \$29.95 each, 'Versailles' small wine glasses, \$11.95 each, and large wine glasses, \$12.95 each, all from Jedo's Beach House. Vintage French silver-plated cutlery, \$175 for five-piece setting, from Lucienne Linen. Dress up plain white linen napkins, \$29.50 each, from Lucienne Linen with detailed ribbons. Name tags by Pulp Creative Paper. The sounds of the ocean harmonise with a wind chime, \$12 from IKEA.

*objects of shell and coral are perfect
for a wedding by the sea, combine
neutral shades with hazy blues*

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SIMPLE SETTING Each placecard is tied to decorative starfish and a loosely tied ribbon to add a touch of elegance. **SHE SELLS** Sea shells (above right) to complete the beach theme. **CATCH THE MOOD** Wind chimes, \$12, from IKEA. **TAKE IT HOME** A gift that lives past the day is a potted daisy or tealight holder, \$11, from Papaya. Shells from Spotlight. **SWEET FAVOURS** (Opposite page) Paper bomboniere boxes are decorated in the same style as the wedding stationery, all by Pulp Creative Paper. Handmade chocolates from Richard's Chocolates.

