

# Southern Living

## Coastal Getaways

Under-the-radar beach towns, islands, and communities

Daufuskie Island, South Carolina



Fabulous  
**FIG**  
DESSERTS

A Wild  
**GARDEN**  
SANCTUARY

The Best  
**SEAFOOD**  
RECIPES

Our Easiest  
**NO-BAKE**  
CHEESECAKES

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IN SEASON



**Show Personality**  
A few less-than-subtle elements add interest to the mudroom.

**“D**ECORATE the rooms you’re in the most (including pass-through spaces) to make everything in those areas look beautiful,” says Lexington, Kentucky, designer Isabel Ladd. She took that approach in this mudroom, which is an addition attached to the garage of an 1800s farmhouse. It’s a spot the homeowners walk through almost daily, and Ladd’s goal was to make sure that it didn’t feel like just an afterthought. The design has a handsome juxtaposition of both new and old elements, and she even added a dog wash to accommodate the family’s pets.

The basin, which was selected to fit a medium-size dog, is surrounded by tile that climbs over 4 feet high to allow ample room for any rogue splashes. “With tile, you should go ahead and add a few extra inches of height,” advises Ladd. That way, the bath features as much waterproof material as possible. She also suggests installing a convenient handheld showerhead. Placing it higher on the wall than you might expect (here, it’s about 4 feet above the basin) will give you plenty of hose length to work with as you wrangle wet pups—or children with muddy boots.

The easy-to-clean brick floors, wood mirror and cabinets (which hold various pet supplies and spare towels), and rustic soapstone countertops all balance the fun-loving blue tile and gold hardware. Cheeky nods to animals include a washable rug and fun artwork. “I like the idea of putting nice art with fancy frames in unexpected areas,” says Ladd. “It’s about not skipping over the small spaces.”

PET FRIENDLY

## Make a Splash

Bring character to forgotten corners of the house with vibrant, unexpected touches

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