



# PURE POP

An architect couple lets loose with a riot of colour to create a happy, relaxed coastal weekender

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When Shane and Rachael built their weekender at Seal Rocks (top left) on the NSW north coast, they designed the home to reflect the surrounding area, with a vivid palette inspired by the brilliant aqua ocean and the bright flowers of the local bush and gardens (top right). This bold colour scheme creates a suitably relaxed, fuss-free feel – perfect for a holiday home where the most stressful activity should be choosing which of the bright Bunnings hammocks to lie in. “We thought we’d be okay with four hammocks, but they’re so popular we’re contemplating a fifth one,” says Shane. “This is where most people spend their time.” Here (left), the couple’s three children swing happily in the shade with a neighbourhood friend.

Murobond

Ripple

**DINING AREA** To create a fun and functional look on a budget, Shane and Rachael headed straight to Ikea, where they found everything from the dining table to the sofa, beds and bedlinen. "We have a real love affair with Ikea," says Shane. "They have a lot of well-designed pieces, like the dining room 'Nordmyra' chairs, which are lovely and sculptural." Friends were enlisted to minimise the challenge of putting all the flat-packed pieces together. "We went up one weekend with friends and did it in one lot," says Shane. Bright colours keep the mood in this room upbeat, with a long stretch of wall in Murobond Ripple contrasting with the funky Ikea cushions and rich red banquette seating that runs the length of the living room. "Daybeds are such a comfortable place to recline," says Shane. >

