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A relaxing seaside-themed bedroom, or a stylish contemporary one, you can take your pick at South Cottages. Naomi Tarry of Best of Suffolk explains the thinking behind the design.

Seaside bedroom

We designed the bedroom in the main cottage to have a seaside feel and used crisp white bedding, a handmade oak bed made to our design by a Suffolk based joinery business, and stripy 'beach hut' pillows from a shop in Aldeburgh. The bedside tables and wardrobe were bought untreated, so we oiled them and then lime-waxed to give a driftwood feel. The floor is covered in natural coir carpet and unusually, the walls have been limewashed rather than painted with modern paints. This gives the walls a soft undulating and relaxing quality. It has two windows, one overlooking The Meare boating lake and the other offers a tiny

glimpse of the sea.

Contemporary bedroom

The bedroom in the annexe is much more contemporary with a grey spray-painted sleek bed (made by a local company to our design), uplighters on the wall and deep purple and red bed throw and cushions to add some passion! We didn't want this bedroom to be a poor relation to the one in the main cottage which is why we have done it so differently.

My husband Alex is our interior designer and he's passionate, almost obsessive, about getting the look just right. He's working on another cottage in Aldeburgh at the moment which has really sleek modern furniture and light fittings. It's not quite finished but if you are in Aldeburgh in the coming weeks give me a call and we'll show you around.

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Relax in a seaside-themed bedroom at South Cottages, above, or opt for a room with a stylish, contemporary look, left

