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Our Easy, Breezy Guide to Seaside Entertaining

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TO PERFECT
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HOW TO DESIGN
AN INVITING
OUTDOOR ROOM

MAKE-AHEAD
MENUS
THAT WOW

INLET BEACH,
FLORIDA

APRIL 2016

+ *Into the Wild:* Florida's Majestic Everglades



Huntington Beach

The self-dubbed "Surf City U.S.A." brings fun and sun year-round.



HUNTINGTON BEACH VS. VIRGINIA BEACH

Two surf-loving playgrounds go head-to-head on cocktails, beach bites, and more

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Virginia Beach

It's all about riding the waves (and strolling the boardwalk).

BETTER BEACH BITE

The Ice Cream Way uses liquid nitrogen to chill blends of cream, coconut milk, or sorbet with flavors like chai and cardamom; theicecreamway.com.

The burger finds new life at **Commune**, where grass-fed local beef is cradled in fresh-made sourdough brioche with Cheddar and pickled leeks; communevb.com.



SURF CENTRAL



Believing in the right ride for every wave, **Quivers** surfboard club offers members unlimited access to a large variety of custom-shaped boards; surfboardquivers.com.

Known for its purist focus, **Freedom Surf Shop** dubbed Pete Smith, Virginia Beach's 76-year-old godfather of surf, its in-house "Ambassador of Stoke;" freedomsurfshop.com.



LOCAL FIND



Artist Sam Bernal's latest design for **Main & PCH Marketplace** (an online emporium of locally made products) will become your favorite T-shirt of the year; mainandpch.com.

The attention to design and detail makes **North End Bag Co.'s** handmade canvas-and-leather bags a cool must-have for the coming season; northendbagco.com.



COOL COCKTAIL



The **Cucumber Collins** at **25 Degrees Huntington Beach** has serrano heat (recipe at coastalliving.com/cucumbercollins); 25degreesrestaurant.com/huntington-beach.

Ultra Craft Cocktails' Strawberry Fields pairs gin with local berries (recipe at coastalliving.com/strawberryfields); facebook.com/UltraCraftCocktails.



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