

# 8 Breezy Home Bars to Get You Excited for Summer Cocktail Season

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1 of 8 Photo by Annie Schlechter; Design by Christina Murphy; Styling by Olga Naiman

## Bold Built-ins

Built in shelves—crafted of pecky cypress, as is the Carrara marble-topped bar—mean plenty of storage space that simultaneously shows off your bottle collection. Designer Christina Murphy loves “the juxtaposition of the rough wood with the smooth artistic tiles [of the flooring],” as it keeps the bar from feeling too heavy.

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## Small Stunner

If space is tight—this Harbour Island cottage is a compact 1,800 square feet—turn a console into an easy-access bar space dressed up with eye-catching details. Here, owner and designer Trish Becker bookends the rattan bar with a Balinese table umbrella and greenery from a local papaya tree.

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## Blank Canvas

This all-white, mirrored space in a Sea Island, Georgia home is the ideal playground for impactful accessories such as the modern brass cabinet pulls (Etsy finds) and vintage

shell sconces from designer Meg Braff's collection. Built-in shelves mean a colorful glass collection doubles as eye-catching decoration, too.

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## Chic Setup

A barely-blue patterned wallpaper and contemporary teak drawers give this wet bar a laid-back, beachy vibe, while a wicker basket and organically shaped bowl keep things neatly corralled. A plentiful stock of lemons and limes adds a bright punch of color and means a citrus-spiked libation is just a quick squeeze away.

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## Space Saver

Hamptons architect Bill Beaton's placement of the sink to the far right—"purposeful asymmetry," as he calls it—creates plenty of counter space for mixing, muddling, and shaking. Even large accessories such as the Sub Zero wine cooler blend in thanks to an all-over application of the calming gray-blue paint color (Jamestown Blue by Benjamin Moore).

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## All-out Nautical

If this isn't the ideal space to shake up a Dark & Stormy—Cedar shingles! Driftwood! Captain's portraits!—then we don't know what is. Use them all to transform your bar into a captain's quarters, or pick a favorite for a focal piece for a more subdued nautical look.

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## Colorful Characters

The dining room buffet—a family antique—goes from stuffy to playful thanks to a quirky egret rattan lamp. Keep the fun going with interesting decanters in every shape and size —designer Amanda Lindroth found this Old Nassau Royale decanter on eBay.

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## Make it Modern

This tucked away wet bar blends the past and present just perfectly. To get the look, introduce throwback elements—grasscloth panels, bamboo-style hardware, and a smoky antique mirror—that will tame down modern touches such as a bright abstract painting and a teal hexagonal tray.