



the Love List

PUNCHY POLISH

FESTIVE TOTE

PINEAPPLE PROPS

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Whenever I mention I had the opportunity to live in Hawaii on two different occasions, I immediately get asked a handful of curious and excited questions regarding the weather, island fever and the gorgeous beaches. I can't help but feel giddy while discussing the Aloha State – it is, after all, one of my favourite topics.

Having been away from the island of O'ahu now for three years, I long for weekends that entail relaxing on Windward beaches and breezy evenings spent driving along the Kalaniana'ole Highway watching the sun set. As time passes by, I often daydream about when I'll return to paradise next. When I close my eyes I can still see the vivid colours of the ocean and feel the sun on my shoulders. I cling to the Hawaiian phrase, 'A Hui Hou', which means until we meet again. I'm certain I'll make another trip to the islands in the not-so-distant future, but I know it won't be soon enough.

TOODLES!

Ashley



TOP 3 BEACH-READY ESSENTIALS:

- 1 Coola 'Plumeria' sunscreen 148ml \$43.22 au.iherb.com
- 2 Mayde 'Reef' towel in orange \$59.95 mayde.com.au
- 3 'Passion Pit' tortoiseshell sunglasses \$54.90 stylecandy.com.au

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NOTECARDS 'Shaka' notecards set of 5 blank notecards and envelopes US\$14 mau-house.com **NAIL POLISH** Essie 'Style Hunter' nail polish \$15.95 nailpolishaustralia.com **BEACH UMBRELLA** Basil Bangs 'Chaplin Stripe' beach umbrella \$450 basilbangs.com **BOTTLE OPENER** Sunnylife green seahorse bottle opener \$22.95 sunnylife.com.au **BRONZER** Bobbi Brown 'Illuminating' bronzer \$60 mecca.com.au **SWIMSUIT** Marysia 'Mott' maillot one-piece swimsuit \$572.90 jcrew.com/au **HAT** Eugenia Kim 'Sunny' sequined straw sunhat \$628 net-a-porter.com/au **SHOES** Soludos classic stripe espadrille sandal \$58 surfstitch.com **TOTE** Aloha Beach Club 'Sunshine' tote US\$24.99 alohabeachclub.com **POOL TOY** Sunnylife inflatable pineapple \$79.95 sunnylife.com.au **BRACELET** 'Bahia' wraparound bracelet \$39 sageandclare.com



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Lana Taylor, one of the clever trio from Three Birds Renovations, has created a veritable ‘tropical paradise found’ in the back garden of their family home.

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Installed just in time for summer fun and entertaining, that included her daughter's eighth birthday party, Lana Taylor says her family's sparkly new swimming pool has transformed their lives by adding a resort quality to their Sydney home.

“We knew we wanted to renovate our whole block so we decided to start at the back and move our way forward. Our backyard was oversized – a luxury where we live and was simply crying out for a pool. There used to be nothing there but grass and a dirty sandpit.”

To say that Lana and her family are pleased with their new pool and tropical entertaining area is an understatement.

“In the past we rarely stayed home on summer weekends but now we are perfectly content to



PICTURED LEFT Give smaller plants a chance to be seen by utilising a plant stand to boost their height. **POT** Home Republic ‘Coda’ indoor pot in white \$39.95 [adairs.com.au](#) / **PLANT STAND** ‘Vida’ plant stand (large) \$59.95 [adairs.com.au](#)

PICTURED RIGHT ‘Cipro’ pavers around pool by Amber Tiles. **SUN LOUNGE CHAIR** ‘Falster’ sun lounger in grey \$199 with Hållö sun lounge pad in grey \$49.99 [ikea.com.au](#) / **CUSHIONS** (ON LOUNGE CHAIRS) Greg Natale for One Duck Two ‘Trellis’ cushion from \$79.95 and ‘Stripes’ cushion from \$119.95 [oneducktwo.com.au](#) **SIDE TABLE** ‘Hudson’ wire frame side table in white \$39 [target.com.au](#) / **UMBRELLA** ‘Majorca’ outdoor market umbrella in white priced from \$79 [milandirect.com.au](#) / **LANA’S DRESS** ‘Ponza’ tiered off shoulder maxi dress in apricot \$285 [paddotopalmy.com.au](#)





PICTURED TOP LEFT CUSHIONS (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT) Greg Natale for One Duck Two 'Trellis' cushion from \$79.95 and 'Stripes' cushion from \$119.95 oneducktwo.com.au / Grace Garrett 'Rambutans' cushion in emerald green, 'Banana Palms' cushion in nocturnal and amazon green, 'Travellers Palm' cushion in black, all from \$99 each gracegarrett.com

PICTURED OPPOSITE **ROUND TOWEL** 'Arrow' round beach towel \$59 target.com.au / **CHOPPING BOARD** Pineapple wooden chopping board \$10 target.com.au / **SIPPY CUP** Sunnlylife pineapple sipper \$19.95 leoandbella.com.au



PICTURED RIGHT INFLATABLE POOL TOYS

Sunnylife inflatable pineapple \$79.95, Sunnylife inflatable ice cream \$59.95 and Sunnylife inflatable watermelon \$79.95 sunnylife.com.au / Pumpt inflatable strawberry donut \$34.95 huntersandgatherers.com.au

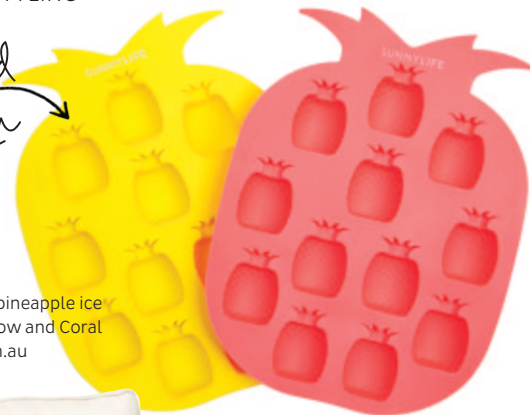


stay home because we have the pool area to escape to and cool off. It feels like a resort so we feel very relaxed when we are in the space.”

According to Lana, they spent more on the landscaping that surrounds the pool than the fiberglass pool itself. "I wanted the area to feel like a resort so I chose pavers that were white as sand to form the perfect canvas for the lush colours of the tropics. It's hard to go past green palm fronds for that relaxed resort-feel. The grey and white furniture suited the space because it didn't compete with the rich colours of the cushions, plants, decking and jewel of the crown... the sapphire blue pool."

TROPI-COOL STYLING

Pineapple shaped ice cubes will add a touch of tropi-cool to your drinks!



ICE TRAY Sunnylife pineapple ice trays (set of 2) in yellow and Coral \$22.95 sunnylife.com.au

CUSHION 'Hideaway' outdoor cushion cover (45 x 45cm) \$59.95 escapetoparadise.com.au



CHAIR 'Bramble' armchair \$649 ozdesignfurniture.com.au

MORE
TROPI
COOL ESSENTIALS



UMBRELLA Basil Bangs 'Miss Marigold' 2m large umbrella \$945 basilbangs.com



CUTTING BOARD Sunnylife 'Avalon' bamboo cutting board (large) \$49.95 sunnylife.com.au

POOL TOY Sunnylife inflatable flamingo \$99.95 sunnylife.com.au

