

# Summer chilling

With the sunshine finally making an appearance, it's time to open the doors and allow summer themes to inspire your choice of interiors, writes Sandie Walker of Powder Grey

At long last summer is here, and it's so nice to sit outdoors and feel the warmth of the sun on your skin again. Now that we can finally venture outside, we've flung open the doors to see what needs doing in the garden. As I'm not terribly green fingered, it will just be a case of tidying up the edges, mowing the lawn and doing a bit of weeding.

Although I don't do a lot of gardening, I have been heavily influenced by all of the greenery around me – as you may well have guessed from my article in the last issue of TC Borders. In fact, I have even been tempted to try and create a living walled kitchen garden indoors, inspired by the French botanist, Patrick Blanc, who created a living wall that I saw when visiting Paris last summer.

The summer also inspires me to spend as much time as I can by the seaside. I have very fond childhood memories of visiting beaches with my sister and to this day I still love collecting shells, walking barefoot in the sand and generally

mucking around and having fun with our dog and the children. There's something quite calming and peaceful about the seaside – it's generally a great place to get away from it all and, well, just chill.

The seaside would also be the perfect place for me to finish my preparation for Powder Grey's Behind the Label, a concept that was conceived a few years back when Powder Grey first opened, when we used the blog to feature designers, artists and inspiring people we know or have met. One of these people is David Cass, a Borders artist that we are highlighting alongside our own Label.

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