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THERE'S SOMETHING UNDENIABLY enchanting about lake living - an idyllic retreat where time seems to slow down, and every moment is steeped in serenity. Nestled amidst nature's embrace, the tranquil waters and breathtaking views offer a respite from the chaos of everyday life.

But what's lake living without a generous scoop of ice cream? There is nothing better than celebrating life's little pleasures, such as indulging in a sweet treat near the water's edge.

Your home was most likely built to consider the water views from a perch such as a barstool—a place where you can observe and engage in lively conversations. The barstool has become the stage for a microcosm of lake living's vibrant tapestry.

Lake living is not just about picturesque views or leisurely activities. It's about the intangible moments of connection - a shared laugh, a stolen glance, a heart-to-heart conversation as the stars twinkle above.

So, whether you find yourself captivated by the allure of lake living, indulging in a scoop of ice cream, or debating life's mysteries from the comfort of a barstool, channel your youthful exuberance and indulge in some playful design.



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To enhance this idyllic setting, bring the essence of the lake indoors through your interior design choices. Incorporate soft and serene color palettes inspired by the surrounding landscape: blues reminiscent of the shimmering water, sandy neutrals reminiscent of the beach, and greens reminiscent of the lush foliage. Let the colors transport you to a state of blissful calm every time you step inside. But please leave the "At the Lake" signs on the store shelves. Look to add the feeling of the scenery, not the directional signs of a kitschy cluttered beach house décor.

Embrace the lusciousness of ice cream by incorporating fabrics and textures that mimic its delightful qualities. Think plush velvet cushions in flavors like chocolate, strawberry, or mint chip. Indulge in the velvety smoothness of an ice cream sundae-inspired area rug underfoot, complete with sprinkles and whipped cream motifs, i.e., beautiful trims and draperies. These playful elements add a touch of whimsy to your lakeside abode, turning it into a truly sweet escape.

Who doesn't want to live in an ice cream parlor by the lake? ☺

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