

KIDS' CORNER

With its patterned floor and expert use of a non-traditional colour combo, this appealing room is all about individuality

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RESENE PAINT Walls: Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene 'Rice Cake'. **Floor:** Resene Walk-on in Resene 'Rice Cake' and Resene 'Smokescreen'. **Bed, stool and chalkboard frame:** Resene 'Hot Toddy'. **Crate, pendant:** Resene 'Blue Jeans'. **Kids' table:** Resene Lustacryl in Resene 'Smokescreen'. **Small stools:** Resene Lustacryl in Resene 'Barnstorm'. **House boxes:** Resene Lustacryl in Resene 'Toffee', Resene 'Blue Jeans' and Resene 'Alabaster'. **Drawers:** Resene Lustacryl in Resene 'Rice Cake', Resene 'Blue Jeans', Resene 'Smokescreen' and Resene 'Toffee'. **Picture frame:** Resene Lustacryl in Resene 'Dark Buff'. **CREDITS Kids' canopy bed,** \$179, from The Warehouse. **Hudson kids' table and stool set,** \$99.95, Hudson **stool,** \$34.95, **chalkboard,** \$79.95, from Mocka. **Society of Wanderers reversible chambray stripe and turmeric quilt,** \$398, matching euro **pillowcase,** \$125 for 2, turmeric **pillowcase,** \$98 for 2, from Tea Pea. **Castle sausage dog pillowcase,** \$85, **Castle velvet euro pillowcase,** \$89, and **Castle round cushion,** \$115, from Small Acorns. **Toy dog,** \$29.99, from H&M Home. **Bianca Lorenne Luchesi copper euro pillowcase,** \$105, from Allium. **Faux succulent,** \$19.99, **alarm clock,** \$39.99, from Shut The Front Door. **'Picasso Sausage Dog' print,** \$10.10, from Etsy/WallDecoPrintStore. Other items stylist's own.

Kids' rooms are one space where you can push the boundaries when it comes to colour. A fun paint feature is a great way to do this – and it doesn't have to be on the walls. In this cute room, we've kept the walls neutral and turned the spotlight on the floor by painting it in broad stripes of warm white and hazy grey-blue, using Resene 'Rice Cake' (also on the walls) and Resene 'Smokescreen'. (For instructions on painting a floor, turn to our step-by-step guide on page 94.)

The floor matches the duvet cover, while the furniture has been painted to complement other colours in the bedding, from tan and toffee to deep blue. Doing this helps to tie our non-traditional palette of browns, blues and black together.

DRAWERS

Upcycling furniture is not only good for the environment but you can generally pick up secondhand drawers for a fraction of the cost of new ones. Any scuff marks or imperfections can be disguised with paint. Simply give the drawers a good sand and a coat of primer, followed by 2-3 coats of Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss waterborne enamel in your chosen colours. We decided to paint the frame and drawers in different colours: Resene 'Rice Cake', Resene 'Blue Jeans', Resene 'Smokescreen' and Resene 'Toffee'. (We used the same method on the bed, too, which we painted in Resene 'Hot Toddy'.)

DIY ART

Using some of your leftover Resene paint to make artworks will ensure that all the decor harmonises perfectly. Paint different colours onto lightweight cardboard and leave to dry. Draw on (or stencil) letters to form a message or word, then cut them out, stick them onto a large sheet of white cardboard and place in a frame.



HOUSE-SHAPED CHALKBOARD

To mirror the bed, we fixed a house-shaped chalkboard to the wall and added a painted border for a 'shadow' effect. Mark a 20cm-wide outline around the board and mask it off with painter's tape. Paint border with 2 coats of your chosen colour, letting each coat dry, then remove tape. Team with a stool and a jar of chalk, which can be kept in one of the house boxes. Or try Resene Blackboard Paint or Resene Chalkboard Paint and create any shape you like!



IF YOU ARE PAINTING A FEATURE ON THE FLOOR KEEP THE WALLS PLAIN – AND VICE VERSA. IF YOU PAINT PATTERNS ON BOTH IT CAN OVERPOWER THE SPACE.

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