

KIDS' CORNER

Create a beach vibe that'll last all year round with this easy, breezy teen boy's room

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Teens are not renowned for being the tidiest bunch, so make sure to incorporate enough storage to keep clothes and clutter at bay. A good wardrobe system and/or chest of drawers is essential.

This simple wall shelf above the bed is great for storing things like headphones and books and displaying special items. A bedside table is necessary to accommodate a reading light and keep books or magazines off the floor. Both the table and shelf were painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen 'Optimist'.

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Keep bedding casual and easy to straighten and tidy. This crumpled-linen duvet is a perfect option for this reason. Different shades of grey were used for the duvet, cotton sheets, waffle blanket and cushions. A blue tone matching the surfboard is the perfect accent colour and is repeated in the patterned pillowcase, headboard, shelf and table.

THE HEADBOARD

> **This simple plywood headboard**, which measures 1m high and 1.1m wide, was given some personality by adding the surfing phrase 'Hang loose'. To create the lettering, we cut letters out of adhesive paper. The fact that they aren't all exactly the same size and shape gives it an authentic feel. We measured 10cm down from the top of the headboard and then masked off a 30cm-wide strip with painter's masking tape. We stuck the adhesive letters onto the strip, ensuring all the corners were stuck down firmly so paint couldn't seep underneath. The strip was painted in two coats of Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen 'Optimist' and left overnight to dry. The letters were then carefully peeled off to reveal the ply underneath.

FLOOR

> **These pine floorboards** were stained using Resene Colorwood stain in 'Bleached Cedar'. To get great coverage, try using a speed brush to apply the stain. To ensure longevity, we suggest applying a waterborne flooring urethane/sealer. Resene Cristal Clear is a great option for helping to keep the boards looking good.

BEDDING TIP

> If you're not a fan of traditional valances, consider going up a couple of sizes in the duvet cover – that way it will cover the whole bed and hide the bed base and mattress. We used a queen duvet cover on a single bed. Another good thing about going bigger in duvet size is that when you go up in bed size, the bedding will still fit. Linen duvet covers are a popular option and we've used one here, although they are generally a little more expensive than cotton.



Walls: Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen 'White'. **Floors:** Resene Colorwood 'Bleached Cedar'. **Door:** Resene 'High Tide'. **Shelf, side table and headboard:** Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen 'Optimist'. 7mm plywood to make headboard, \$27.72, from Mitre 10. Castle Slate linen diagonal stripe pillowcase, \$89, Castle penny round grey marle knit cushion, \$109, both from Small Acorns. Grey marle cushion, \$10, blue and grey Pace headphones, \$15, concrete base lamp, \$12, grey sheet set, \$24, Surf Palm beach towel, \$12, black poster frame, \$15, black frame, \$15, bedside table, \$19, all from Kmart. We Are Muses beach scene photographic print, AU\$190, from daniellex.com. Bondi Beach print, AU\$29.95, from oliveveteriel.com. Charcoal grey Loft Linen duvet cover in queen, \$299.90, from Wallace Cotton. Black and white Network cushion, \$99, Aura waffle throw in pebble, \$199, Lotus Lifestyle bottle in charcoal, \$59.99, Ekby Valter shelf bracket, \$12.99, all from Shut The Front Door. NSP surfboard, \$735, Havaianas jandals, \$30, both from theboardshop.co.nz. Charlie aviator sunglasses, \$14.95, from Cotton On. Palm leaf from Blush Flowers. Peace-sign hand and glass bottle, stylist's own.



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