

KIDS' CORNER

KIDS' ROOM STYLING SPECIAL

A graphic wall statement and dynamic colour palette create a fun and funky room

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TIP: Paint some simple hooks to further reinforce your colour scheme. You can also paint a bedside table and shelves – as we have done here – to tie the colours of your child's room together.

This dynamic space can be adapted to suit kids of all ages, from toddler to teen. We have used the duvet cover as the inspiration for the design and colour palette, creating a space that is practical, fun and oozes personality.

COLOUR PALETTE

- **This playful room** uses a simple three-colour palette of white, grey and black. Accent colours of Resene 'Fizz' (yellow) and Resene 'Fountain Blue' were chosen to tie in with the colours in the duvet.
- **If plain walls are not your cup of tea** and you are keen to be a little adventurous in your child's room, try a simple but effective paint design on the wall. Use this image (left) as a guide and mark out the lines with painter's masking tape. Painting a large triangle (with its point ending in the corner) and then repeating the colour on the side walls – as we have done with the white triangle – creates a cool design element.
- **For an accent colour** to have maximum impact, you ideally need to use it in the room at least three times and at three different heights. In this scheme, Resene 'Fountain Blue' appears high up on the feature wall, at mid-height on the wall hook and duvet cover, and then in the rug and storage box at floor level. We've followed a similar pattern with the bold yellow of Resene 'Fizz'. If you stick to this formula for accent colours, you will be guaranteed a beautifully balanced room.

DECOR ESSENTIALS

- > **A bedside table** or unit is always handy for placing a drink, book and lamp next to the bed.
- > **One of the most under-utilised areas** in kids' rooms is the vertical space. A simple way to get clothes and bags off the floor is to install hooks, which not only tidies the room but makes things easier to find.
- > **Some form of shelving unit** for storing toys, games and books is a must. Here we painted both the bedside table and bookshelf in Resene 'Double Cod Grey'. Painting these items in a dark colour makes the items displayed on them stand out.



Walls and floor painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen and Resene Lumbersider in Resene 'Black White', Resene 'Fountain Blue' and Resene 'Surrender'. Shelf and drawers painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene 'Double Cod Grey'. Wall **hooks**, \$4 each, from Kmart, painted in Resene Lumbersider 'Fountain Blue', Resene 'Double Cod Grey' and Resene 'Fizz'. Single four-poster **bed**, \$1530, from The Mood Store. Junior Brave **duvet cover set**, \$79.90 king single, from Bed Bath & Beyond. Jersey-knit fitted **sheet and pillowcase set** in charcoal marle, \$17. Ollie Octopus **toy**, \$10, boy's casual check **shoes**, \$15, **light box** with letters, \$17, wooden maze **cube**, \$2, A-frame **shelf**, \$49, **side drawer**, \$35, smiley **ball**, \$5, shaped **puzzle** (on bookshelf), \$6, all from Kmart. Charcoal drill **euro pillowcase**, \$50, from Thread Design. Super Dude **cushion**, \$6, Living & Co Kapow **hamper**, \$10, Accelor8 **skateboard**, \$10, wire **book holder**, \$15, lightning-bolt **backpack**, \$19, jumbo **googly eyes**, \$4, all from The Warehouse. **Danger tape**, \$2 a roll, from Whitcoulls. Black **Spider-Man**, \$9.99, from The Clearance Shed. Aqua Lego **storage brick**, \$49.90, and **rug**, \$165, both from Allium. Avengers **mask**, \$2, from Lotsa Goodies. All other items stylist's own.

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