

# KIDS' CORNER

Surf's up in this vintage-inspired bedroom that shows you can work wonders with a splash of paint

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**G**et that summer feeling all year round with this seaside-inspired bedroom. Gelato-coloured furnishings stand out against the neutral walls and evoke the fun and colour of summer for any beach-loving kid.

Not only does this room have a relaxed vibe, it has been created on a budget. If you are looking to make some changes in your child's room and don't want to spend the earth, search on Trade Me or in your local charity shops for some secondhand finds. We scored the headboards, bookshelf and bedside cabinet all for \$80.

A new coat of pastel paint from Resene freshened up the slightly shabby cane furniture and drawers and, as a bonus, highlighted the textures in the headboard and bedside cabinet. Before you start painting, make sure you give any cane pieces a good wipe down and remove any dust, dirt or damaged pieces. We also bought a new lightshade and painted it in soft yellow Resene 'Splash' to tie in with the room's ice-cream palette.

Storage is essential in every child's room. This large cane bookshelf with glass shelves is great for displaying books and accessories while also accommodating baskets for storing smaller bits and pieces. Simply paint some inexpensive baskets in coordinating hues to keep the room cohesive. Adding a touch of greenery, whether real or fake, always makes a space come alive, and a child's room is no different. We chose two potted plants – one with large, lush leaves, the other with frond-like foliage – to reinforce the room's beachy, tropical feel.

*You can use beach-themed art prints on the wall, or frame a few favourite summer snaps to make this scheme more personal.*

**Walls** painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen 'Island Spice'. **Floor** painted in Resene Walk-on 'Island Spice'. **Bookshelf** painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen 'Keppel'. **Cabinet** painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen 'Wax Flower'. **Lightshade** painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen 'Splash'. **Baskets** painted in Resene 'Scandal', Resene 'Splash' and Resene 'Wax Flower'. Domani Celine **cushion** (mint), \$49.99, from Farmers. Designers Guild **cushion** (yellow), \$189, from Allium. Fieldcrest faux sheepskin **cushion**, \$39.99, Fieldcrest Garden **throw** (tassels), Fieldcrest stonewashed blush **Euro pillowcases**, \$79.99, Fieldcrest stonewashed king single **duvet cover** set, \$139.99, all from Briscoes. Modou **basket**, \$119, from Freedom. Seagrass **basket** with handles, \$49.99, faux banana **palm**, \$169, Nancy **crochet cushion**, \$149, all from Shut The Front Door. Brampton House yellow **pillowcase**, \$6.99, from Spotlight. Living & Co Vacation **cushions** (print), \$12 each, Design House tropical art **canvas set**, \$70, both from The Warehouse. Home Co pom pom **throw**, \$69.90, and Forget-me-not **lightshade**, \$99.90, both from Bed Bath & Beyond. Jodi **sneakers**, \$29.95, from Rubi Shoes. Peach **trinket box**, \$16.95, from Cotton On Home. Pineapple **light**, \$6, mint **canister**, \$2, both from Kmart. All other



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