

made for sharing







Resene
Frozen

Decorating a shared children's room can be tricky as those sharing the room are bound to have different ideas about how it should look. Search for some common ground between the two – a theme, colour or object that both kids love – and use this as your starting point. It might be something as simple as doughnuts, used in the room on the left in the bedlinen and accessories.

how to achieve harmony

- Give each child a separate area of the room to decorate, so they both get a say in how the room will look.
- For a cohesive feel, consider getting two of the same item for key furniture pieces, such as beds, desks and chests of drawers.
- Reversible duvet covers can be flipped to a different side on each bed so that each has a different pattern but the overall colour palette of the room stays the same.
- Add cushions and patterned pillowcases to mix up the bedding.
- Use toy boxes to keep a shared room tidy and paint them in a pattern that echoes the theme of the room.
- Use a paint effect to give each child their own 'zone', like this diagonal device, or just straight up and down between the beds.

Opposite and below: Divide up the space with a wall painted in Resene Frozen and Resene Sunkissed (try Resene Tulip Tree). The side wall is in Resene Foundry and the floor is in Resene Quarter Alabaster. A diamond pattern was created on the door to echo the bedlinen by painting the whole surface in Resene Quarter Alabaster and then masking it before painting sections in Resene Sunkissed and Resene Tussock. The toy box is painted Resene Quarter Alabaster with diamonds in Resene Frozen, Resene Tussock and Resene Sunkissed.

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|  | Resene Tulip Tree |  | Resene Tussock |
|  | Resene Foundry |  | Resene Quarter Alabaster |

The wall by the door is painted in a diamond pattern to echo the bedlinen.



Above: If your kids will be sharing a colour scheme, look for other ways to create individuality between their personal spaces. Perhaps one would prefer a daybed over a traditional single or a patterned curtain to define their bed rather than a headboard? Even with these differences, a strong colour palette will make the space feel unified. Upper wall in Resene Half Athens Grey, lower wall in Resene Rakaia, timber floor in Resene Colorwood Mid Greywash, arch headboard and vase in Resene Cinnamon, skirting board and curtain pattern in Resene Eighth Masala, curtain rail, hook rack and stool top in Resene Ebony Clay and small plant pot in Resene Crail.

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|  | Resene Rakaia |
|  | Resene Crail |
|  | Resene Colorwood Mid Greywash |
|  | Resene Ebony Clay |

fair is fair


Just because your children share a bedroom doesn't mean they necessarily need to share a colour scheme. And using colour to clearly – and fairly – divide the space could serve as a way of keeping the peace between older children. The wall and floor on the left side of this room are painted in Resene Finch while the right side is in Resene Thor. To make the scheme feel cohesive, paint all the furniture in the same colour, such as Resene All Black, and choose artwork that shares a similar vibe or colours in common.



Resene
Finch



Resene
All Black

 Use a stencil to trace shapes on to paintable wallpaper from the Resene Wallpaper Collection, available at your local Resene ColorShop. Paint them with Resene testpots, cut them out and tack them up to take your wall mural from two to three dimensions.

Resene
Thor 



Left: Divide a space harmoniously with two complementary greens. The wall to the left is Resene Finch and the right wall is Resene Thor. Beds and bedside table in Resene All Black.

Opposite left: Left back wall painted in Resene Pewter, right back wall in Resene Otter with dinosaur mural in Resene Gecko, butterflies in Resene Serene, Resene Half Washed Green, Resene Paris White and Resene Double Sea Fog, floor in Resene Double Sea Fog, door in Resene Middle Earth, table in Resene Sante Fe, stools in Resene Half Washed Green and Resene Middle Earth, bowl in Resene Otter and toy dinosaurs in (from left to right) Resene Permanent Green, Resene Pale Leaf, Resene Half Washed Green and Resene Alabaster.



Resene
Double Sea Fog



Resene
Permanent
Green

 Resene
Paris White

shared interests

One child is crazy for dinosaurs, the other is obsessed with butterflies. When decorating a kids' bedroom or play space, there is no need to play favourites if you use a cohesive colour palette to tie together two or more seemingly conflicting ideas. Shades of dusty pink and silvery sage blend beautifully on walls. Use fun stencils so you can make sure both kids' interests are enjoyed in a shared space.





 Resene Otter	 Resene Pale Leaf
 Resene Gecko	 Resene Pewter
 Resene Serene	 Resene Middle Earth
 Resene Half Washed Green	 Resene Sante Fe



You don't have to spend a lot to create a stunning room. These bedheads and cabinet were bought secondhand and revived with paint.

top tip

For wipeable walls opt for Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen waterborne enamel.

 Resene Scandal
 Resene Island Spice
 Resene Wax Flower
 Resene Splash

Above: It's hard to argue over what belongs to who if each child has their own. The walls and floor of this twin room are painted in Resene Island Spice, the bedheads are in Resene Scandal, the cabinet is in Resene Wax Flower, the lightshade and basket are in Resene Splash and the plant pot is in Resene Scandal.