

CHILDREN'S BEDROOMS



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If you have special inspiration that's driving a child's room design, certain items can be given a prominent place in it. When it came to designing for two brothers, one chose a football theme and the other wanted to showcase his Michael Jordan collection. Featured in each of their spaces are framed jerseys and autographed sports balls. Storage is another element to consider. One boy collected trophies, medals, and team photos, all of which he wanted displayed. The other wanted his

room to be all about the cool photo feature wall and not a lot of decoration. As kids grow and change their personal interests, constantly changing room décor can be expensive. We suggest choosing decorative accents that complement a variety of styles and themes rather than, for example, an all-blue room because it's the favorite color today. The boys' rooms include fun lighting and colorful rugs to bring bold style to the spaces, while the bedding stays fairly neutral.



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The stage, spotlight, and signs in this boy's room let him be surrounded by his dreams as he practices. 1) A blue and gray color scheme provides a calm background for large sound. 2) A young fashionista's room features a cow-print headboard and chair, burlap curtains, and a bedspread exuding a '70s vibe. Love of fashion is reflected in the artwork and dress form. The desk is a place to sketch and do homework. 3) This third-floor retreat offers the perfect hangout. The soda shop in the corner has a sink and mini fridge to serve ice cream. Hot-pink stools are anchored to the floor; a candy installation adds color and fun. The black-and-white floor, pops of color, and style of furniture give the room a vintage feel. A media wall opposite the sofa turns the space into a theater for movie nights.



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Practicality, playfulness, and brightness—that’s what today’s kids’ rooms are designed to provide. Lots of natural light and higher ceilings create a feeling of spaciousness, even in smaller bedrooms. Design/build capabilities can make that happen by pushing ceilings up into attic space, putting in a bigger window, or adding another. Built-ins, from desks to shelves, and walk-in closet space provide plenty of special spaces to keep things organized. To add a feeling of fun, bright splashes of color are as easy to provide as paint and dividers, and cozy throw rugs on easy-to-clean hardwood flooring for play areas. Top it off with secret passageways between bedrooms (with a kid-size hidden room in the middle) for hours of joyfulness in a safe place. Parents are smiling, too, because these kinds of custom treatments can be achieved without a lot of cost.



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