

Changing ROOMS

INTERIOR DESIGNER **JO BERRYMAN** SHARES HER TIPS FOR CREATING A KID'S SPACE THAT WILL EVOLVE WITH YOUR CHILD

Kiddy-themed rooms are so yesteryear. Now, it's about creating vivid shells that can be layered and amended over time, in order to grow with your child.

Concertina doors are a great way to partition, close or open up shared sibling spaces. Here, they've been spray painted in an eggshell hue (Farrow & Ball Green Blue No. 84). To complement the Cole & Son Fornasetti Cloudy Sky wallpaper, a graphic-inspired vintage weave kilim adds a pop of colour underneath the bed, and I've chosen a commercial-grade, thick ply carpet in dove grey to cushion the sole, and for durability. Lastly, a blue hot air balloon pendant, designed for us by Rothschild & Bickers, adds a whimsical touch to this little boy's bedroom.

Make a statement with your accent hues. We love the calming vibe of Farrow & Ball's Green Blue



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We always weave humour into our schemes, and I love this decorative elephant head from Bodie and Fou. Accent boldly and don't shy away from colour. Children thrive in vivid, playful environments, not a sea of greige. ▶

Adding a picture plinth for your kids' books and artwork is a simple way to incorporate colour into a scheme. It allows for total flexibility – no hammer, nails or blu-tack required. We champion Annie Sloan chalk paints for the best girlie pinks around without being too sickly or 'Disney'.



Built-in shelves are used to store away trinkets and treasures



Cluster hanging and little pockets of chaos really work in kids' rooms. Pictured above the fireplace is a piece from artist Jim Medway, who creates wonderfully off-beat illustrations. The geometric rug by Suzanne Sharp for The Rug Company adds an edgy twist, and children will love the shapes. Purpose-built niche shelving houses collections of Russian dolls, as well as Zelfs, erasers and various other ephemera acquired through some serious playground trading.

The introduction of graphic prints is a great way to update from child to tween

Don't be afraid to add grown-up furniture into the mix. This Mexicana painted chair adds a much-needed colour pop. Here, we've paired it with a modernist Moroccan tea table neatly placed on a Nathalie Lete Poupée rug. Floorboards painted in Farrow & Ball Cornforth White No. 228 provide a neutral canvas fit for playful layering.

