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## your home and garden

**Left:** Resene Middle Earth was used to create a triangle shelf feature on Resene Black White walls in this unique and contemporary room. The floor is in Resene Yucca and the pencil pot and frame are in Resene Permanent Green.

 Resene Quarter  
White Pointer

 Resene  
Yucca

 Resene  
Middle Earth

 Resene  
Permanent Green

# the kids are *all right*

Once upon a time, the palette for children's bedrooms was focused on pink for girls, blue for boys or decidedly gender neutral colours like red, yellow or green. Luckily, today's kids are able to draw from a much larger source of inspiration and colour choices for their bedrooms and play spaces. Greater internet exposure means even quite young children often have very clear ideas about what they do and don't like - favourite colours, hobbies, interests, video, book and movie characters can all give shape to a room of their dreams. By looking to these sources of inspiration, you can be sure your children will love their rooms just that much more if they've had a hand in coming up with the design.

A child's room is also a great chance to really play with colour and try out some design ideas you might not feel bold enough to attempt in your living room or kitchen. Now's your chance to take a cue from your child and allow yourself the freedom to get messy and be as creative as you'd like!

Happy decorating!

*The Resene and habitat teams*

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# on theme



**If you're going to go all-out** in imagining a fun space that your kids will truly embrace as their own, deciding on a theme is a great place to start. Brainstorm with your child to help focus on one or two of their favourite things that could be combined together, or even get them to draw what their dream bedroom looks like. While you might not be able to recreate it exactly, it can help your child to feel like they're really the one wearing the designer's shoes.

Start by anchoring the theme with a feature piece. This might be a favourite picture or poster, a striking duvet or a cool bedhead, then build everything else off of that. To carry the theme further, think beyond the walls when it comes to painting and decorating. Consider how you can include the floor, ceiling, furniture and accessories, such as frames, in your paint colour palette, and how soft furnishings, ornaments and other decorations can all add to the finished effect.

You should also think about how long you want to go before having to redecorate. Try and choose a design based on a theme that will be age appropriate for several years, and one that they've been interested in for a while, rather than just the passing flavour of the month. Remember, paint is one of the easiest things to change out when your child's design choices change!

**Left:** Resene Riptide walls have been given a rippled effect in Resene Perfume using Resene Paint Effects Medium. The bedside table is in Resene Riptide with drawers in Resene Perfume and the floor is in Resene Half Fog.

## mermaid magic

The Resene Riptide walls in this dreamy mermaid room have been given a rippled effect using Resene Paint Effects Medium and Resene Perfume, and the floor has been coated in Resene Half Fog. The bright pink stools create a bold anchor for the room in Resene Hopbush, while Resene Riptide has been repeated on the bedside table and drawing table to match the walls. The Resene Hopbush toybox has been given a cute wave detail in Resene Half Fog and the shimmering streamers hanging above the bed complete the effect of a magical underwater kingdom.



Resene  
Hopbush

Resene  
Perfume

Resene  
Riptide

Resene  
Half Fog

Resene  
Pink Panther

Resene  
Fairylight

## other cool theme ideas:

- Bring outside in - paint the room to look like an outdoor area with a garden, mountain scape or desert island
- Go sporty and tailor the space around a favourite sport or team
- Take things under the sea with graduated blue walls and a ceiling covered in sea creatures
- Pick a favourite toy or cartoon character and build a world around them
- Take a trip and bring a space scene or favourite place they've always dreamed of visiting into their bedroom
- What about a circus, a pirate ship or a fairy tale castle?
- You can keep things simple by sticking to a single main colour and paint in a variety of shades of that colour
- You could also consider painting the room a neutral colour and layering it with replaceable features, such as pictures, cushions and bedding. Or, allocate a feature wall and focus on keeping that refreshed every few years and the rest of the room more neutral.

### top tip

Create a magnetic wall using Resene Magnetic Magic under your topcoat. Then stick magnets onto small pictures and characters so your child can adjust their room scene.



## *nero hero*

Go for bold black and create your very own bat cave. These lower walls have been painted in Resene Nero, which has also been carried to the upper walls in a grid pattern over pale grey Resene Mystic. The grid is most easily achieved by painting the whole wall in Resene Nero, masking the grid, then painting over it with Resene Mystic. The lightshade has also been painted with Resene Nero over removable bat stickers. When the paint is nearly dry, you can peel the bats off so that when the light shines through the shade, the winged shapes will be projected around the room. You can easily create your own bat stickers by drawing your bat shapes onto self-adhesive paper then sticking them onto the shade ready for painting. The rest of the bat and comic book-themed furnishings and decorations are easily changeable so that when it's time for a new theme, it is simple to remove them. And what teenager wouldn't want a black bedroom?

### *top tip*

Let your children create their own themed artwork for their room using some Resene testpots and paper or canvas.

Resene  
Nero

Resene  
Mystic

Resene  
Softly Softly



## *a succulent scheme*

Choosing an unexpected but simple motif – such as a cactus – can be the basis for a fun room theme, and another that could also be easily adapted to a different theme if succulents begin to feel less than enticing. These walls have been finished in Resene Fringy Flower with the blue triangle trim painted in Resene Sea World. The same two colours are repeated throughout the room including the striped floor, bedside table and shelf, so the colour scheme does most of the heavy lifting. The large cactus pot was first painted in Resene Alabaster then covered in triangle stickers. It was then painted in Resene Black and, when touch dry, the stickers were removed to let the white show through. You can create your own triangle stickers using self-adhesive paper and drawing and cutting out your shapes to suit.

Resene  
Wet N Wild 






## *purrfect in pink*

For the cat lovers out there, you can get a little wild with a leopard print floor by first painting two coats of Resene Paper Doll then drawing or stencilling the pattern on top using Resene Walk-on in Resene Foundry. While it may take a bit of time to finish, the result is dramatic! For extra protection and durability, finish it with Resene Concrete Wax. Since the floor takes centre stage in this room, the toned down Resene Geyser walls with Resene Paper Doll features - including the shelf and brackets - leave the leopard print with plenty of visual space to shine. Finish things off with a stool and bedside table painted in Resene Foundry and a bedside lamp in Resene Geyser to complete the look.



Painting a rectangular section of Resene Paper Doll behind an on-theme feature mirror makes for a cute dressing table area without taking up much space. The stool colour is Resene Foundry and the drawer box has been block painted in Resene Geyser, Resene Paper Doll and Resene Foundry.

Resene  
Paper Doll 





## rainbow connection

This bedroom is a great example of how a lovely warm colour palette can make a space feel welcoming and relaxing. Using tones of a pastel colour such as peach offers a way to keep the overall effect soft and muted while leaving room to add bolder accents. Take your theme to the next level by using this same Resene colour palette to revive secondhand cane furniture. Clean furniture well before applying a coat of Resene Waterborne Smooth Surface Sealer, then two coats of Resene Beethoven.

### top tip

Always try out your colour scheme first with Resene testpots. Any leftovers can be used for fun art projects.

Resene  
Beethoven

Resene  
Cashmere

Resene  
Wafer

**Left:** Wall painted in Resene Cashmere. Floor painted in Resene Walk-on in Resene Cashmere. Rainbow painted in Resene testpots in Resene Crail (outer), Resene Beethoven (middle), and Resene Wafer (centre). Secondhand bedside table and bookshelf painted in Resene Lustacryl in Resene Beethoven. Raffia lidded baskets (on shelves) painted with a Resene testpot in Resene Crail.

Resene  
Crail

# shape up




**Bold geometric shapes** are a popular way to add colour without going overboard and can add real flair to a child's room with little effort. Bold stripes, triangles, chevrons and squares are all easy to create with just a bit of masking tape. It's a look that's simple enough that older children may even want to try creating themselves.

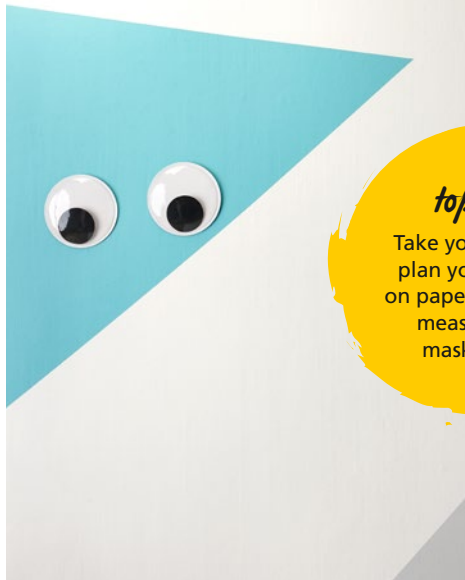
Bold shapes lend themselves to bold colours and unexpected matching. Double down on a daring palette and try mixing deep blue like Resene Surfs Up with a bright green, such as Resene Neva or Resene Tutti Frutti, or burnt orange like Resene Smoke Tree with vibrant turquoise, such as Resene Seeker or Resene Sea Green. Another great option is graduated stripes in different saturations of one colour, starting with the deepest version at the bottom of the wall and working up to the palest where it meets the ceiling.

If stripes aren't your thing, try blocking out shapes in different areas of the room to delineate spaces within it, such as a study zone, vanity or sleeping area.

You could also try an asymmetrical design where shapes overlap one another to add visual interest.

Resene  
Black White 

Resene  
Surrender 



### top tip

Take your time to plan your design on paper first, then measure and mask it out.

## all the right angles

This playful room started with a neutral base palette of Resene Double Cod Grey (for a current alternative try Resene Element), Resene Black White and Resene Surrender with dramatic pops of Resene Fountain Blue and Resene Fizz layered on top. The unexpected angles of the shapes on the walls and the continuation of Resene Surrender onto the floor make the room feel larger while the dark contrast of the Resene Double Cod Grey details and simple shapes keeps things from feeling too busy.



**Left:** Painted wall hooks are not only an easy way to tie your colour scheme together but are a handy way to keep things tidy and get belongings up off the floor. We've painted our hooks in Resene Fizz, Resene Fountain Blue and Resene Double Cod Grey (for a current alternative try Resene Element). The wall is painted Resene Black White and Resene Surrender, with Resene Surrender also continued onto the floor.

-  Resene Fizz
-  Resene Element
-  Resene Surfs Up
-  Resene Neva
-  Resene Tutti Frutti
-  Resene Smoke Tree
-  Resene Seeker
-  Resene Sea Green



## monkey around

Kids will love this modern take on a jungle-themed bedroom with its vibrant stripes and splashy palette. The walls are in deep Resene Bunting with Resene Hi Jinx and Resene Keppel stripes and accents. Hints of stained wood, natural textures and plants keep bold palettes fresh and prevent them becoming overwhelming.

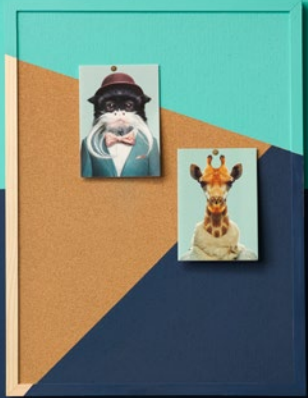
Resene  
Bunting

Resene  
Hi Jinx

Resene  
Keppel

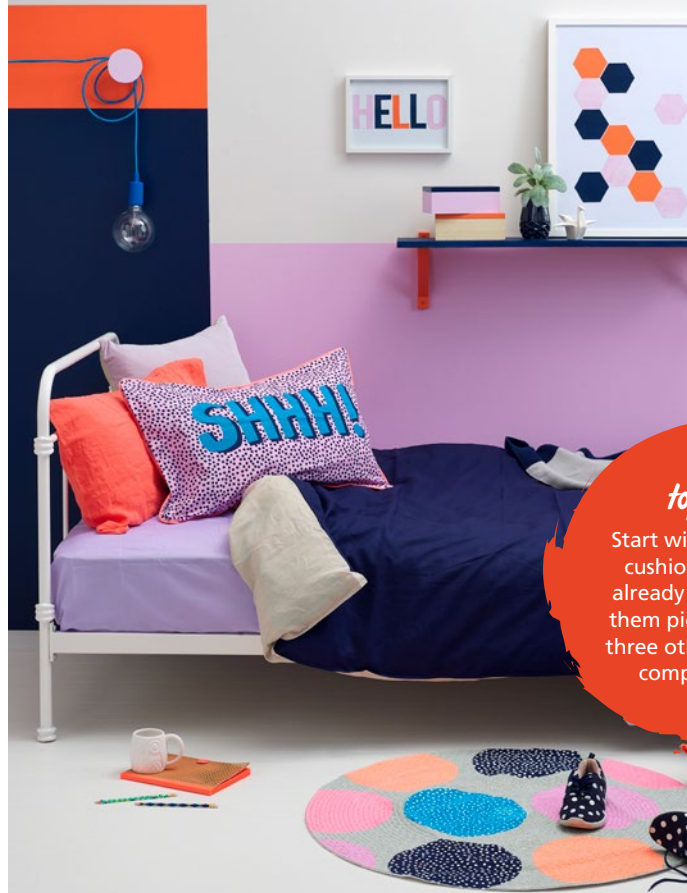


*Rejuvenate timber flooring with Resene Colorwood wood stain and finish with Resene Qristal ClearFloor to enhance the colour while still allowing the grain to show through.*



*Carrying the same colours onto the corkboard at playful angles creates a nice visual counterpoint to the orderly stripes on the wall.*

Resene Java 



## *block out*

Try unique combinations like this colour-blocked feature wall to break up a big space and keep things grounded. This room is finished in navy Resene Blue Night, Resene Big Bang and Resene Flower Power against a backdrop of Resene Half White Pointer on the walls and floor. The same colour scheme can be used for fun and easy DIY art projects to decorate the space.

### *top tip*

Start with a duvet or cushion your child already loves and let them pick out two or three other colours to complement it.



Resene Half White Pointer



Resene Flower Power

 Resene Blue Night

 Resene Big Bang



dream



Resene  
Black White



Resene  
Gold Dust

## all that glitters

Go full glam with these bold gold and white stripes in Resene FX Metallic Gold Dust and Resene Black White, which was also used on the floor. Subtle pink accessories such as the bedside stool in Resene Pot Pourri and the wooden heart wall hook in Resene Pink Terrace (for a current alternative try Resene Cosmos) add softness to balance out the crisp stripes. As a unique detail, the underbed storage box has been painted Resene Pot Pourri and repeats the pattern of the bedding in Resene FX Metallic Gold Dust

Other colours to consider that can really make gold sparkle are navy blue or bright magenta, such as Resene Surfs Up and Resene Colour Me Pink.

Resene   
Pot Pourri

*Paint low profile boxes to match your design and keep them under the bed for storing extra toys, books and blankets.*





- Resene Colour Me Pink
- Resene Surfs Up
- Resene Cosmos

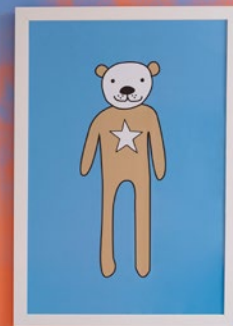




## *point the way*

A patch of bright chevrons pops in Resene Curious Blue and sends the message that this space is a fun place to be. While blue is a popular choice, whatever colour your child loves best would look just as good over the top of clean and contemporary Resene Triple Concrete walls. Monochromatic accents, such as the wooden box in Resene Half Tuna and the wooden blocks in Resene Picton Blue, in an otherwise neutral room create continuity while keeping things fresh and interesting.

-  Resene Curious Blue
-  Resene Triple Concrete
-  Resene Half Tuna
-  Resene Picton Blue



Resene  
Mariner

Resene  
Japonica

## *born free form*

Blurring is a creative alternative to conventional linear shapes. Bleeding colours into each other can really change the perspective of a room and keep it from becoming too boxy. Resene Ruby Tuesday bleeds into Resene Point Break on the wall of this vibrant, surprising nursery to spark a lifetime of imagination. For current alternatives of these colours, try Resene Japonica and Resene Mariner.

-  Resene Super Duper



# head space

## top tip

Kids spend a lot of time playing on the floor so opt for plenty of cushions and rugs. Make sure rugs have a non-slip underlay for safety.

**Headboards can be an expensive addition** to a room, particularly if there are multiple beds to accommodate. A cost-effective and clever way to add headboards - and a bit of extra colour - to any room is to paint them in. Plus, it's quick and easy to repaint a headboard if your child outgrows their bed or you are updating to a new room look.

Don't be afraid to think outside a traditional rectangle - the beauty of painting a headboard is that you can make it any shape or design you want. Geometrics are easy to mask up but you could also stencil, trace or draw your design freehand.

For practical, useful storage without taking up floor space, consider adding a shelf painted in the same colour or try painting your headboard with Resene Magnetic Magic paint so your child can decorate it with their favourite magnets.

**Left:** The warm grey Resene Surrender walls and floor in this room are given a dramatic lift with a Resene Blue Night headboard. The soft green of the bedside table painted in Resene Sea Nymph plays off the bedlinen to create a fresh, pulled together look anchored by the strength of the midnight blue.

Have fun painting animal figurines to match or contrast your colour palette. These ones are painted Resene Sea Nymph.

Resene Surrender 

Resene Sea Nymph 

Resene Blue Night 



*An angular grey headboard in Resene Jumbo stands out in this soft pastel room with walls and flooring in Resene Cest La Vie.*



**Above:** For a low-fuss, off-the-wall headboard, cut a piece of strong plywood into whatever shape suits you and use low-tack masking tape to spell out your child's name or a fun message. Paint over the masking tape using a Resene testpot and remove the tape once it's dry for a simple stencilled effect. Finish in Resene Aquaclear to protect the bare plywood. Anchor the headboard to the wall behind the bed with screws. This headboard is finished in Resene Optimist and Resene Aquaclear.

Resene Optimist 

# made for sharing



**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 a vintage Miami Beach theme, like the room on the right, or 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 (for a current alternative 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 toybox is painted Resene Quarter Alabaster with diamonds in Resene Frozen, Resene Tussock and Resene Sunkissed.

- Resene Tulip Tree
- Resene Frozen
- Resene Tussock
- Resene Quarter Alabaster

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



*You don't have to spend a lot to create a stunning room. These bedheads and cabinet were bought second-hand 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.

# older and bolder



## top tip

The trick with teens is to find a style they're going to like from the ages of 13 to 18 to work with as a base that you can then make subtle, easy changes to as they mature.

- Resene Mine Shaft
- Resene Plum
- Resene Deep Teal
- Resene Avant Garde
- Resene Dynamite
- Resene Elephant
- Resene Surfie Green
- Resene Bright Spark
- Resene Moroccan Spice

**At some point,** almost every teenager thinks they want a black bedroom. If that feels like a step too far, there are plenty of ways to come up with cool compromises. Try a moody dark in charcoal, aubergine or green, such as Resene Mine Shaft, Resene Plum or Resene Deep Teal, or go for bold and unexpected colour combinations like Resene Avant Garde with Resene Dynamite, Resene Elephant with Resene Moroccan Spice or Resene Surfie Green and Resene Bright Spark.

Just like when they were younger, your teens will still very much want a space that is defined as theirs and separate from the rest of the house. Work with them to figure out what they need as well as what they want – space for sports gear, a quiet study area, a corkboard for posting memorabilia, a comfy spot for gaming.

**Left:** In a dreamy bedroom like this one, a combination of deep red and soft pink feels both feminine and sophisticated. The walls in Resene Pohutukawa feature a partial circle painted 'headboard' in Resene Dust Storm to give the look of a setting sun or a rising moon. An antique white floor in Resene Double Rice Cake balances the richness of the wall colours while the circular motif of the headboard is echoed through the artwork, the Edison-bulb pendant light and velvet cushion. The bedside table is painted Resene Sakura.

Resene  
Pohutukawa

Resene Double  
Rice Cake





Resene  
Dust Storm

Resene  
Sakura



## desert dreams

This soft and arid look is right on trend and is perfectly suited to a bedroom for a maturing teen with a sense of whimsy. Parched shades like Resene Sand on the walls and floor have been given an eye-catching addition with a painted zig-zag design in Resene Florentine Pink and Resene Eskimo. The colours repeat on the bench and painted basket teamed with the sunset shade of Resene Just Right. The natural textured rug and wicker chair add to the desert chic effect.



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|  | Resene Sand   |  | Resene Just Right      |
|  | Resene Eskimo |  | Resene Florentine Pink |



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|  | Resene Jumbo |  | Resene Shuttle Grey |
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## high energy

Blurred lines and smudged edges give this room a messy, lived-in look without the clutter. Mixed grey walls in darker Resene Quarter Foundry (for a current alternative try Resene Shuttle Grey), which has been continued onto the floor, and lighter Resene Jumbo give a moodiness while the burnt orange in Resene Smoke Tree adds edginess. Re-purposed wooden crates in Resene Smoke Tree provide cheap, practical and cool storage. Painting up geometric canvas art in Resene Smoke Tree and Resene Licorice finishes the look.

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|  | Resene Smoke Tree |
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|  | Resene Licorice |
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## strike a chord

A simple painted shape can add fun and a subtle theme to a teen's room without having to go overboard. This guitar silhouette echoes a teen's musical passion and extends out from a part wall painted in zingy teal Resene St Kilda. The rest of the walls and floor are painted Resene Half Raven as a cooler contrast to create a strong graphic look. A bedside table and shelf painted in inky blue Resene Licorice breaks things up. A colour scheme like this one is also very age-neutral, so it will stay relevant as your child grows.

-  Resene Licorice
-  Resene St Kilda
-  Resene Half Raven

## hang loose

For a surfer teen, colours of the beach and sea are a natural choice. Pops of bright blue Resene Optimist give the impression of the summer sky against crisp Resene White walls. The soft grey bedding, the door in Resene High Tide, the Resene Aquaclear finished headboard and the Resene Colorwood Bleached Cedar floor all add to the relaxed vibe.



-  Resene Optimist
-  Resene Colorwood Bleached Cedar
-  Resene High Tide
-  Resene White





## the sky's the limit

To create the starry effect from this space-themed room, first paint the walls in Resene Alabaster followed by Resene FX Nightlight glow-in-the-dark paint. Firmly adhere star-shaped decals to the wall before painting the full wall in Resene Dark Side (for a current alternative try Resene High Tide). Once dry, remove the decals to reveal the photosensitive glow-in-the-dark paint underneath. In the day, the stars appear pale yellow and when the lights are out, they'll shine like the night sky. The floor has been painted with Resene Longitude, the nightstand is in Resene Panorama and Resene Dark Side, while the chair and bookends have been coated in Resene Iron.

-  Resene Alabaster
-  Resene High Tide
-  Resene Longitude
-  Resene Frozen
-  Resene Iron
-  Resene Panorama

## moonlight makeover

Go a step further than a typical starry sky and create glow-in-the-dark moons for the walls or ceiling of your budding astronaut's bedroom. Resene FX Nightlight is a glow-in-the-dark paint designed to keep shining after the lights have gone out. Pale yellow by day, it's perfect for creating cosmic details in kids' rooms like glowing stars or these otherworldly moons. 2-3 coats over a white circular base will give off the best effect and leave your brushstrokes visible for an extra lunar-like landscape. Add details in Resene Sunshade, Resene Juniper and Resene Blue Lagoon.



-  Resene Blue Lagoon
-  Resene Juniper
-  Resene Sunshade



**top tip**  
Consider all the different activities that will take place in the room: study, sleep, screen-time, play - and design accordingly.

# heads down



**Making space to study and create** is increasingly important in every home. When it comes to kids, it's extra important that the space is an inviting and stimulating place to be. Remember it's not just for homework – it can be a space for reading, listening to music, drawing and writing as well.

Painting a child's room with their favourite colours is a great place to start. Be sure to add places to store things like pens and pencils, books and headphones to keep their desk free from clutter, as well as somewhere to hang their artwork and photos of their friends to personalise the space and help make it really feel like their own.

**Left:** This fun study space offers 'full surround colour' to help inspire, with walls in Resene Blue Lagoon and a floor in Resene Vista Blue. The pegboard noticeboard and chair are in Resene Revolution (for a current alternative try Resene Raven) while the desk legs are in boldly contrasting Resene Scrumptious. Painting used cans in matching shades is a super-simple way to add another layer of colour to this space. By keeping the table top neutral in Resene Half Rice Cake, it keeps the workspace itself from being too distracting.

 Resene  
Vista Blue

 Resene  
Scrumptious

 Resene  
Blue Lagoon

 Resene  
Half  
Rice Cake

 Resene  
Raven



## everything (should be) illuminated

Proper lighting is really important in a study. If your desktop space doesn't allow for a lamp, hang a pendant light like the one we've created here. Paint hollow wooden balls in your chosen colour palette and thread them on to the cord of a large naked bulb. Ours are painted in Resene Blue Lagoon, Resene Scrumptious, Resene Revolution (for a current alternative try Resene Raven) and Resene Half Rice Cake.



Apply Resene Magnetic Magic under Resene Blackboard Paint or Resene Chalkboard Paint to create a magnetic blackboard. Kids will have double the fun, writing and sticking magnets on the wall. If you're not keen on chalk, use Resene Write-on Wall Paint to create a coloured whiteboard that your child can write on using whiteboard markers.



Resene  
Yabbadabbadoo



## eke out a niche

Creating a special reading nook for any age with the bold black of a Resene Blackboard Paint wall is perfect for inspiration and personalisation. This floor is Resene Alabaster for a monotone base to the room that could be accessorised to suit any child of any age from toddler to teen. Or for a coloured chalkboard use Resene Chalkboard Paint or Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen.



Resene  
Alabaster



Resene  
Black



*Build  
panelled walls  
out to create  
a shelf where  
everything  
you need  
will be in  
easy reach.*



Resene  
Daredevil



Resene  
Pohutukawa



Resene  
Noir



## *side studies*

Why not create a special space for your little ones to work alongside you so that they feel included? In this fun and vibrant space – inspired by an old schoolhouse – the upper wall has been painted in Resene Moonlight (for an alternative try Resene Hampton), the panelling is in Resene Untamed (for an alternative try Resene Verdun Green), the shelf and table legs are in Resene Noir.

Your kids can even help you make this simple magnetic chalkboard, which is made from a picture frame with the glass removed. Simply paint with two coats of Resene Magnetic Magic on the backing followed by Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in your choice of colour. We used Resene Family Tree (for an alternative try Resene Palm Green). Once dry, you can write on it with chalk, which can be wiped off with a wet cloth or hang strong magnets on it - like these wooden letter magnets, painted in a bright spectrum of Resene testpot colours - and spell out some fun!



Resene  
Verdun Green



Resene  
Hampton



Resene  
Cut Glass



Resene  
Fuel Yellow



Resene  
Amazon



Resene  
Desperado



Resene  
Lochmara



Resene  
Palm Green



## artistic aspirations

If you have a budding artist in the family, why not create a special place for them to create? Working in a room with artwork and cheerful walls like these ones in Resene Gelato, Resene Moonbeam and Resene Half Black White could help inspire their next masterpiece. The chair is in Resene Vanilla Ice, the coat rack is in Resene Onahau and the 'floor rug' is a painted square of Resene Geyser over Resene Half Black White.

- Resene Gelato
- Resene Half Black White
- Resene Geyser
- Resene Moonbeam
- Resene Onahau

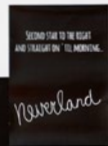
## fortune favours the bold

A fun stripe of Resene ASAP (for a current alternative try Resene Billy T) was added to this Resene Dusted Blue wall in this study, which shows off plenty of personality. The filing cabinet, basket and shelf crates complement in Resene Seachange, Resene True Blue and Resene Whirlwind (for a current alternative try Resene Gothic). The Resene Alabaster chair plays off the lampshade, the trestle legs are in Resene True Blue, and the timber flooring grounds the look in Resene Colorwood Walnut stain.

- Resene Billy T
- Resene Dusted Blue
- Resene Seachange
- Resene True Blue
- Resene Gothic
- Resene Colorwood Walnut



# nursery times



## top tip

Since you can never have enough storage in a nursery, paint a few wooden boxes to slide under the cot to keep toys and other belongings organised.



## did you know...

that newborns can see only in black and white? While it doesn't last for long, this nursery can definitely be seen by all ages. The beautifully bold monochromatic colour scheme in Resene Black and Resene Alabaster has been given an extra sweet twist with pale aqua accents in Resene Riptide.



Resene  
Black



Resene  
Alabaster



Resene  
Riptide



## sweet & simple

This serene neutral nursery shies away from gendered colours completely with a soothing combination of Resene Westar on the floor and upper walls with Resene Quarter Merino on the lower section of the walls. The wooden decorations on the left wall have been painted in Resene Westar and Resene Romantic.

- Resene Westar
- Resene Romantic
- Resene Quarter Merino

## story time

Recreate scenes from favourite picture books like Zoe and Mark did with this fun Dr Seuss-inspired wall mural painted with Resene testpots with Resene Alabaster used on the lower part of the wall.

To create a mural like this at home, be sure to plan out your design first on paper and then pencil your design on to the wall. Work from back to front in thin, even coats, adding second or third coats as needed. Use a small roller for larger areas to get the smoothest finish, save brushes for more detailed work and leave the outlines for last.


- Resene Anakiwa
- Resene Tomorrow
- Resene Lavender
- Resene Solid Gold
- Resene So Cool
- Resene Cupid
- Resene West Side
- Resene Gorse
- Resene Neva
- Resene Wild Willow
- Resene Sulu
- Resene Havoc
- Resene Malibu
- Resene Wellywood
- Resene Witch Haze
- Resene Tuna
- Resene Stack
- Resene Alabaster





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Resene Smiles 



**Each child looks forward to** their birthday celebration all year long, and every parent wants to do what they can to make it memorable. However, throwing a party to commemorate their special day can be both tricky and expensive. Coordinating it all can be a lot to manage, too – particularly while trying to corral a troop of little ones at the same time.

If you've got enough room to spare, why not opt for the comfort and convenience of your own home? The birthday boy or girl will feel more relaxed on their own turf, you'll know where to find everything you need, and you can save some money – while having a lot of fun – making the decorations yourself.

This cheerful candy-coloured theme, inspired by the ubiquitous rainbow marshmallow lolly, looks good enough to eat. Plus, each of the projects are quick and simple for you and your child to make together using Resene testpots.

**Left:** Walls in Resene Splat (bottom) and Resene Kandinsky (top), trestle table legs in Resene Smiles, stools in Resene Smiles, Resene Splat, Resene Ethereal (for an alternative try Resene Soothe), Resene Alabaster and Resene Kandinsky, chairs in Resene Smiles and Resene Ethereal, floorboards in Resene Smiles, Resene Splat, Resene Ethereal, Resene Alabaster and Resene Kandinsky, table runner in Resene Smiles, Resene Splat, Resene Ethereal, Resene Alabaster and Resene Kandinsky, Make-a-Wish wooden cake topper in Resene Smiles.

-  Resene Kandinsky
-  Resene Alabaster
-  Resene Soothe

## DIY circle garland

This simple garland is cute enough to keep up long after the celebration has ended.

### you will need:

- Sheets of heavy white cardstock
- Your choice of Resene testpots - we used Resene Smiles, Resene Splat, Resene Ethereal, Resene Alabaster and Resene Kandinsky
- Paint brush
- Twine or thin cord
- Round drinking glass
- Scissors or circle punch

**step 1** Paint one side of heavy cardstock or poster paper in each of the theme colours. Leave to dry for one hour.

**step 2** Trace circles by using a drinking glass as a guide then cut them out with scissors. To speed things up, you can use a large craft punch instead.

**step 3** Measure out the length of twine or cord you'll need to drape across the area you'll be decorating (our garland was 3 metres long). Lay the twine flat on a table and place the first circle under the twine. Then, glue another circle on top of the bottom circle so the twine is sandwiched in between them. Repeat the process for the whole garland, leaving a 5cm gap between each circle.



## confetti tablecloth

Avoid a nightmarish clean-up by painting the confetti right onto the tablecloth. Using a round sponge brush and Resene testpots, create a randomised polka dot pattern all over the tablecloth by alternating each of the theme colours.

## dipped effect cutlery

Wooden cutlery only needs a quick coat of paint to make it festive. Just measure 5cm up from the bottom of each utensil, mask it off and paint with your child's favourite colours using Resene testpots.

## striped table runner

Layer your table with a sturdy runner to add extra colour. Using a ruler and pencil, measure and mark ten stripes, each 12cm wide, down the length of a 120cm x 30cm MDF board. Mask each section as you go and use Resene testpots to paint each stripe in colours that match your theme. Use a longer panel or multiple panels to suit the length of your table.

# project play

These quick DIY projects can add a touch of fun to any room and you can even get the kids to help!

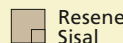


## top tip

If you're uncomfortable drawing freehand, you can download lots of fun stencil shapes from [www.resene.com/stencils](http://www.resene.com/stencils).

## cross-stitch tree

If you're not a confident artist, you can still create large natural shapes with a cross-stitch or pixelated effect. First draw your image on grid paper with coloured pencils. Then lightly pencil a grid pattern on the wall and recreate your drawing in your chosen paint colours. This subtle cross-stitch tree is perfect for an older child's bedroom. Recreate it using tonal greens and light browns with a creamy highlight for the swing. Start by painting the tree in Resene Sisal, Resene Caper, Resene Pale Leaf, Resene Soft Apple and Resene Parchment, then the swing in Resene Moon Glow. The wall is Resene Half Opal, the floor is Resene Colorwood Greywash and the bedside table ties everything together in Resene Soft Apple.



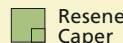
Resene Sisal



Resene Pale Leaf



Resene Parchment



Resene Caper



Resene Soft Apple



Resene Moon Glow



Resene Half Opal

## cacti cuties

For a fun craft project, find some smooth stones and paint them in two coats of Resene Deep Sea. Once they're dry, use a fine brush to add cactus prickles in Resene Alabaster. Stick on googly eyes and plant them in mini terracotta pots. Create one yourself and encourage your child to make their own.



Resene Deep Sea



Resene Alabaster







- Resene Colorwood Mid Greywash 
- Resene Quarter Pearl Lusta 
- Resene Gull Grey 
- Resene Cotton Wool 
- Resene Bright Spark 
- Resene Blue Jeans 
- Resene Rocket 
- Resene Hi Jinx 

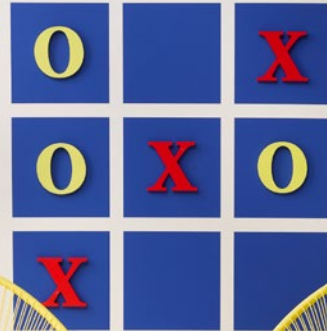
*top tip*  
 Paint furniture in Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss so it is easy to dust and wipe clean.

## fire engine drawers

A wooden set of drawers can make the perfect canvas to add a special detail to a themed room. To create an eye-catching fire truck like this one, paint a basecoat of Resene Cotton Wool then add in the details with Resene Rocket, Resene Blue Jeans, Resene Hi Jinx and Resene Bright Spark. The outlines and ladder are in Resene Ragamuffin (for a current alternative try Resene Quarter Pearl Lusta). Draw your design on paper first and decide which colours will go where then pencil it lightly on to the drawers. This look can be easily adapted to other types of vehicles – how about a police car, a monster truck or a Volkswagen beetle? Drawers like these make a great statement against neutral walls and flooring such as these ones in Resene Gull Grey and Resene Colorwood Mid Greywash.

## tic tac toe

This simple design and colour scheme are an easy way to go bold with a primary palette that's perfect for a playroom. Resene Sea World on the wall grid, Resene Havoc on the table, crosses and hanging pot, and Resene Shooting Star on the chairs and noughts provide a colour pop against the neutral wall and floor painted in Resene Pearl Lusta. Paint the square grid in Resene Chalkboard Paint or Resene Blackboard Paint over basecoats of Resene Magnetic Magic or even paint square cork tiles to bring a whole new dimension to the way your kids play.



- Resene Shooting Star 
- Resene Sea World 
- Resene Pearl Lusta 
- Resene Havoc 



# paint the rainbow

Resene  
Dreamer



If you're stuck for a place to start when it comes to choosing colours with your kids, have a look at the Resene KidzColour collection – a range of shades in every colour of the rainbow, with a few metallics for good measure.

Colour options have been tested with a range of children of all ages giving a collection that is full of bright bold, saturated colours for fun features such as Resene Glitterbug and Resene Wham and softer pastels, from soft Resene Pretty In Pink to Resene Three Wishes.



## *cool effects:*

- Resene Write-on Wall Paint can be written on with whiteboard markers or liquid chalk and cleaned off with a soft cloth. It can be applied as a topcoat over any freshly painted Resene colour.
- Resene FX Pearl Shimmer is a waterborne pearlescent glaze which creates beautiful sparkle effects, particularly over dark colours. Try it over pale pink for a soft shimmery fairy or unicorn effect.
- Resene Magnetic Magic turns any wall into a magnetic surface, great for headboards or around study spaces.
- Resene FX Crackle is a coating that can be applied over any colour to create a cracked surface effect. A great idea for headboards, desktops and frames!
- Resene FX Nightlight glow-in-the-dark paint gives a fun night-time lift. It works best over a white painted base and is perfect for creating a ceiling full of shining stars.

# get decorating

## Try out your favourite colours

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Resene  
Hi Jinx 

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**Above:** In this teen's bedroom, Resene Eskimo walls were masked off in a cool mountain pattern before the bottom portion of the walls and floor were painted Resene Prussian Blue.

 Resene  
Prussian Blue

 Resene  
Eskimo

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