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Left: This cool iceberg design is an easy detail to add to a bedroom wall. Use painter's tape and three shades of paint to create 3D-looking ice shards. Upper wall in Resene Quarter Frozen, lower wall and floor in Resene Spinnaker. Iceberg painted 'headboard' in Resene Sea Fog, Resene Frozen and Resene Blue Moon. Dresser in Resene Quarter Frozen (upper) and Resene Spinnaker (lower), shelf in Resene Blue Moon and pendant lamp in Resene Bright Spark. Plant pot in Resene Matisse and vases in Resene Frozen, Resene Matisse, Resene Bullitt and Resene Fuel Yellow. DIY penguin skittles in Resene All Black, Resene Sea Fog, Resene Smoke Tree and Resene Roxy.

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|---|--------------------------|---|---------------------|---|---------------------|
|  | Resene
Quarter Frozen |  | Resene
Blue Moon |  | Resene
All Black |
|  | Resene
Sea Fog |  | Resene
Bullitt | | |

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.

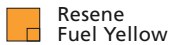
A child's room is also a great chance to really play with colour and try out some design ideas you might not feel bold enough to attempt in your living room or kitchen. Now's your chance to take a cue from your child and allow yourself the freedom to get messy and be as creative as you'd like!

Happy decorating!

The Resene and habitat teams



Resene
Bright Spark



Resene
Fuel Yellow



Resene
Roxy



Resene
Smoke Tree

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Resene
Matisse

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 Resene 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

Left: Create a learning blackboard or art wall using Resene FX Blackboard Paint. Other walls in Resene Rice Cake, floor in Resene Rice Cake and Resene Smokescreen, house-shape on wall and bed frame in Resene Toffee, table in Resene Smokescreen, stools in Resene Barnstorm (try Resene Lone Ranger), pendant lamp and crate in Resene Blue Jeans, shadow boxes in Resene Blue Jeans and Resene Barnstorm and side table in Resene Toffee.

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!

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.

puppy love

Fun paint features need not be limited to the walls. In this cute room, the walls have been kept neutral and the spotlight has instead turned onto the floor. Painted with broad stripes of Resene Rice Cake and Resene Smokescreen, the colours and design match the duvet cover, while the furniture and decor have been painted to complement other colours in the bedding while playing up the dog theme. Bed frame and picture frame in Resene Toffee, dresser in Resene Rice Cake with drawers in (from top to bottom) Resene Blue Jeans, Resene Smokescreen and Resene Toffee, house shelves in Resene Rice Cake and Resene Blue Jeans.



top tip

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

Resene Lone Ranger	Resene Blue Jeans	Resene Toffee	Resene Wham	Resene Three Wishes
Resene Smokescreen	Resene Rice Cake	Resene Glitterbug	Resene Pretty In Pink	

other cool theme ideas:

- Bring outside in – paint the room to look like an outdoor area with a garden, mountainscape 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.




mermaid magic

The Resene Riptide walls in this dreamy mermaid room have been given a rippled effect using Resene FX Paint Effects medium and Resene Perfume. To create the subtle wavy design, apply the paint in a scallop pattern. If you'd like bolder looking waves, simply add more of the Resene Perfume paint to the Resene FX Paint Effects medium. 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 and complement the floor which has been coated in Resene Half Fog. The shimmering streamers hanging above the bed complete the effect of a magical underwater kingdom.

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

 Resene
Pink Panther

 Resene
Fairylight

Resene
Hopbush

Resene
Perfume

Resene
Riptide

Resene
Half Fog


top tip

Resene FX Pearl Shimmer is a waterborne pearlescent glaze which creates beautiful shimmer effects, particularly over dark colours. Try it over pale pink for a soft shimmery fairy or unicorn effect.

awesome blossoms

Focusing on a simple detail, like a repeating pattern in your child's bedding or a motif in a cute piece of artwork, you can use the colour to inspire your Resene paint colour and the theme of the entire space. Simply bring the item into your local Resene ColorShop and Resene staff can help you find the same hue in paint. Using a high quality paint brush – one with lots of bristles – makes easier work of hand painting flowers like these on to your child's wall. Wall in Resene Triple Concrete, headboard in Resene Norwester, flowers in Resene Grenadier, Resene Wax Flower, Resene Cupid, Resene Ziggurat and Resene Norwester and bedside table in Resene Wax Flower (outside) and Resene Norwester (drawers).


If you're stuck trying to find the right colours, upload a photo into the Resene Colour Palette Generator, www.resene.com/palettegenerator, and it will suggest a colour palette for you based on the colours in your photo.

 Resene Triple Concrete

 Resene Cupid

 Resene Ziggurat

 Resene Wax Flower

 Resene Grenadier

 Resene Norwester

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. Paint or 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





one theme, three ways

Bring some wild style to your kid's room with a jungle safari theme. While all three of these rooms share a general theme in common, they've been executed in completely different ways and appeal to different ages and personalities. Does your child like to pretend or put on plays? Do they like to have a secret space to hide away? Or do they like lots of tactile textures or exciting colours around in order to learn and grow? Look to your child's own nature to guide your ideas.

Left: A headboard that doubles as a bookshelf provides a great focal point while keeping books, favourite accessories or a glass of water handy. Wall in Resene Palm Green, headboard bookshelf in Resene Noosa, bedside lamp in Resene Nero, bedside table and pendant lamp in Resene Quarter Sisal.

Opposite left: Sign in Resene Noosa with words in Quarter Sisal and wall in Resene Palm Green.

top tip

Create a full jungle experience with Resene FX Nightlight glow-in-the-dark paint. It works best over a Resene White painted base and is perfect for creating a ceiling full of shining stars.

Resene
Palm Green


Resene
Quarter Sisal

Resene
Noosa

Resene
Nero



Pick up some Resene testpots and create custom artwork or signs with your kids to match their room. To make your sign double as a magnetic noticeboard, paint it first with two coats of Resene FX Magnetic Magic before painting on your coloured topcoats.







 Keep natural-looking timber furniture protected with Resene Aquaclear waterborne urethane.



Above: A faux leafy 'green wall' next to the bed brings the jungle indoors. Wall in Resene Half Rivergum, floor in Resene Half Fossil and door in Resene Eighth Fossil.

Left: If your child prefers calm to chaos, they might like their own little hideaway and may need to be surrounded by less adventurous colours – just the idea of being in a safari might be excitement enough! This pared-down palette has been layered with textured furnishings to create an inviting space. Walls in Resene Colins Wicket with battens in Resene Truffle, floor in Resene Half Fossil and stool in Resene Triple Truffle.



-  Resene Truffle
-  Resene Half Rivergum
-  Resene Colins Wicket
-  Resene Eighth Fossil
-  Resene Triple Truffle
-  Resene Half Fossil



smooth sailing

In a nation surrounded by ocean, chances are that if you don't own a boat yourself you probably know someone else who does. Sailing is part of our history and our love and respect for the ocean doesn't have to end on dry land. Turn a bedroom into a high seas adventure with a fun and graphic theme anchored with favourite Resene paint colours, Resene Sea Fog, Resene Explorer, Resene Tangaroa, Resene Raging Bull, Resene Pirate Gold and Resene Half Black White.

Make waves on the wall using a dinner plate to trace semi-circle shapes before painting in Resene Explorer. Add nautical flourishes to the room such as the life preserver which is easily created by tying cotton rope and macrame twine around a wreath and painting in Resene Raging Bull.

Left: Upper wall in Resene Sea Fog, lower 'wave' wall in Resene Explorer, wave design created by using a dinner plate to trace semi-circles, then painting. Timber floor in Resene Colorwood Mid Greywash, pendant lamp, rug and DIY life preserver in Resene Raging Bull, dresser in Resene Tangaroa, Resene Raging Bull, Resene Pirate Gold and Resene Half Black White, plant pot in Resene Tangaroa, lidded dish and vase in Resene Raging Bull and small pot in Resene Pirate Gold.

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|  Resene Explorer |  Resene Colorwood Mid Greywash |
|  Resene Raging Bull |  Resene Half Black White |
|  Resene Tangaroa |  Resene Pirate Gold |
|  Resene Sea Fog |  Resene Redwood |

fantasy wonderland

Set the stage for imagination and magic with a whimsical woodland fairy kingdom mural. Start by picking out your child's bedding and use that to inspire your colour scheme. When tackling any hand-painted wall designs, be sure to plan out your design first on paper then transfer it onto your wall in pencil before you start painting. It's a good idea to try to work in one colour at a time from your largest shapes to the smallest. Be sure to use a high quality paint brush – one with lots of bristles – to get nice and crisp edges.

Left: Wall in Resene Half Spanish White with mural in Resene Soulful (try Resene Tuft Bush), Resene Tulip Tree, Resene Whizz Bang, Resene Love Me Do (try Resene Merlot), Resene Green Pea, Resene Kandinsky, Resene Envy and Resene Green Meets Blue, floor in Resene Colorwood Mid Greywash, table base in Resene Sauvignon, pendant lamp in Resene Sunglo, mirror in Resene Just Dance (try Resene Wax Flower), headboard in Resene Redwood, trinket box in Resene Half Pale Rose (bottom) and Resene Sunglo (top), basket in Resene Half Spanish White and tiny vase in Resene Sorbet (try Resene Dust Storm) and Resene Half Pale Rose.




Resene Dust Storm





Resene Green Meets Blue





Resene Envy


Resene Tuft Bush 


Resene Green Pea 


Resene Merlot 


Resene Half Pale Rose 


Resene Sunglo 

Resene Tulip Tree 

Resene Whizz Bang 

Resene Kandinsky 

Resene Half Spanish White 

Resene Wax Flower 



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 touch 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 

Resene
Sea World

Resene
Fringy Flower

Resene
Black

Resene
Alabaster



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 dressing table painted in Resene Geyser 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



Resene
Fountain Blue

Resene
Fizz

Resene
Element

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 them.

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 at the bottom of the wall 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.

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 (try Resene Element). The wall is painted Resene Black White and Resene Surrender, with Resene Surrender also continued onto the floor.

 Resene
Surrender

 Resene
Tutti Frutti

 Resene
Black White

 Resene
Surfs Up



Resene
Breathless

grid lock

Strong lines do a strong job of communicating the 'grid' theme in this minimalist 'Memphis-style' teen's bedroom. It's an effect that's dependant on the combination of high-contrast colours with careful measuring and masking. Wall in Resene Kandinsky, floor and wall grid effect in Resene Wet N Wild, plant pot and bud vase in Resene Jalapeno, bedside table in Resene Breathless with drawer in Resene Wet N Wild and picture frame and lamp in Resene Alabaster.



Resene
Alabaster



Resene
Jalapeno



Resene
Kandinsky



Resene
Wet N Wild



Resene
Smoke Tree



Resene
Neva



Resene
Seeker



Resene
Sea Green



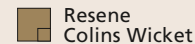
top tip

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

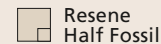
Left: Create an eye-catching display area by defining shelves with painted shapes in colours taken from elsewhere in your child's room. Wall in Resene Colins Wicket, square and floor in Resene Half Fossil, circle in Resene Twine, semi-circle in Resene Triple Truffle and dresser in Resene Stack, Resene Half Fossil, Resene Twine and Resene Triple Truffle.



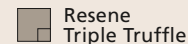
Resene
Twine



Resene
Colins Wicket



Resene
Half Fossil



Resene
Triple Truffle



Resene
Stack



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

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 stop 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.

Resene
Licorice 



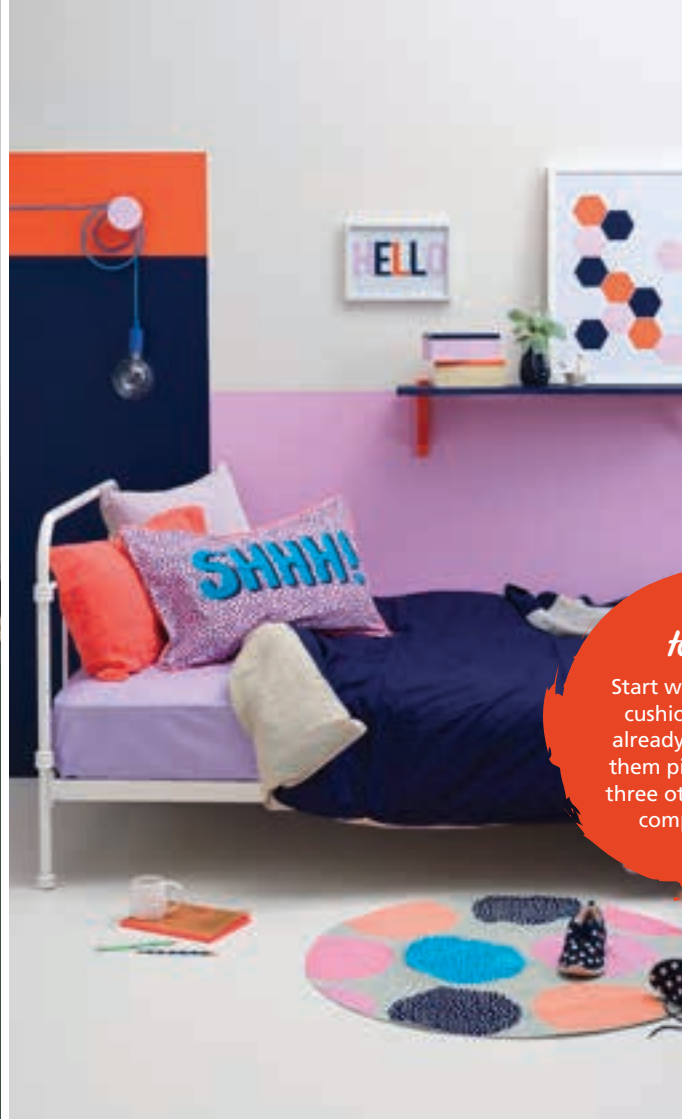
Above: Even in a fairly neutral scheme, a little colour can go a long way in bringing interest and communicating a theme – especially when it’s in a fun shape. Resene Middle Earth was used to create a triangle shelf feature on this Resene Black White wall. The floor is painted Resene Yucca and the pencil pot and frame are in Resene Permanent Green.

Resene Yucca 

Resene Middle Earth 

Resene Black White 

Resene Permanent Green 



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



Resene
Black White

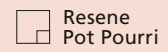


Resene
Gold Dust

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 (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 (try Resene Japonica) bleeds into Resene Point Break (try Resene Mariner) on the wall of this vibrant, surprising nursery to spark a lifetime of imagination.

 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 FX 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.



 **Resene FX Write-on Wall Paint** can be written on with whiteboard markers and cleaned off with a soft cloth. It can be applied as a topcoat over your favourite painted Resene colour.

-  Resene Green Spring
-  Resene Secrets
-  Resene Rivergum
-  Resene Paddock

outside the box

This simple yet effective headboard 'frame' was made from three lengths of flat profile skirting board painted in Resene Green Spring and screwed into the wall, which is painted in Resene FX Blackboard Paint. The beauty of a blackboard wall is that there's no limit to how your child can personalise it with chalk – and starting afresh is as simple as a quick wipe with a clean, damp cloth. Main wall in Resene FX Blackboard Paint, left wall in Resene Green Spring, floor in Resene Secrets, hook rack in Resene Rivergum, toy box in Resene Secrets and Resene Rivergum, headboard outline in Resene Green Spring, pendant lamp in Resene Paddock and nightstand in Resene Rivergum (drawers) and Resene Paddock.

Resene 
FX Blackboard Paint

made for sharing



Resene
Frozen

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.

- 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.

- 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.

grow
into it

One thing is for certain: as your kids get older, they will change – and so will their tastes. Taking this into account when designing a space for a younger child and avoiding décor that is too ‘kiddie’ could mean you don’t have to redecorate quite so often. It can take a bit of planning to pull this off, and a well-considered colour scheme should be right at the root of that thinking. From there, the space can grow up with your child and make for much easier transitions as they move into their next phase of development.

-  Resene Poured Milk
-  Resene Secrets
-  Resene Armadillo
-  Resene Pizza
-  Resene Colins Wicket
-  Resene Gold Coast

from bassinet to bed

Over a 24-hour period, newborns typically sleep 14-19 of those hours, so it's important to have a place where they can get their rest undisturbed. Typically, this means the baby is going to need a room all to themselves. However, your nursery will be as much a place for mum, dad and other helpers as it is for baby, so your colour choices should be made up of ones that all of you will find calming. A darker colour for the lower part of the wall will help mask smudges and fingerprints from little hands as your baby grows into a toddler while a lighter colour up top will add visual height and levity.

Left and right: Upper wall in Resene Helix (try Resene Dusted Grey), lower wall in Resene Artemis (try Resene Bluff), floor in Resene Poured Milk, side table and pendant lamp in Resene Green Meets Blue, toy box in Resene Secrets, pegs and shelf in Resene Armadillo, vases and pots in Resene Unwind (try Resene Opal), Resene Cleopatra (try Resene Pizza), Resene Colins Wicket and Resene Swiss Caramel (try Resene Gold Coast).

top tip

Paint trims, joinery and cots in Resene Lustacryl (semi-gloss) or Resene Enamacryl (gloss) for an easy-to-clean surface.





Resene Bone

Resene Blanc



Resene Cashmere

Resene Toffee

Resene Sante Fe

top tip

Pick up a few Resene testpots in coordinating colours and let your child decorate under bed storage boxes or create artwork to suit their scheme. Resene Moccasin (try Resene Toffee), Resene Just Dance, Resene Twilight, Resene Sante Fe, Resene Apache, Resene Sorbet (try Resene Dust Storm) and Resene Kalgoorie Sands were used to paint the round artwork, banner and wooden boxes to match the rest of the scheme.

from toddler to teen

This sunset pink and terracotta colour scheme is built with neutrals at its base, which means that even if your child decides pink is no longer a preference, the room won't need a full makeover to completely change the look. Simply swap out the bedding and repaint the furniture and accessories – which is easy enough to do in a weekend. With some minor furniture swaps, areas that younger kids will use for more imaginative play can transition to a hangout or study space in their older years.

Above left and right: Wall in Resene Bone, floor in Resene Blanc, bedframe in Resene Cashmere, toy chest in Resene Sante Fe, cane chair and lipped shelves in Resene Kalgoorie Sands, stools and hooks in Resene Moccasin and pendant lamp, mirror, lipped shelves, bedside table and play table in Resene Just Dance (try Resene Wax Flower).

Resene Twilight

Resene Kalgoorie Sands

Resene Opal

Resene Dust Storm

Resene Apache

Resene Bluff

Resene Wax Flower

Resene Dusted Grey

Resene Green Meets Blue

older and bolder



- 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 or a comfy spot for gaming.

top tip

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

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 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 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 Halcyon. The colours repeat on the bench and painted basket teamed with the sunset shade of Resene Just Right. The wicker chair adds to the desert chic effect.



high energy

Blurred lines and smudged edges give this room a messy, lived in look without the clutter. Grey walls in darker Resene Quarter Foundry (try Resene Shuttle Grey) have been continued onto the floor, and lighter Resene Jumbo on the upper walls gives a moodiness while the burnt orange in Resene Smoke Tree adds edginess. Re-purposed wooden crates painted 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.





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 wall 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 (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. Two to three 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.

storage solutions



For some, it's hard to imagine that it's possible to have both kids and a clean house. But in fact, that can be the case – and there's no catch either, like you being the one who has to pick up the toys! What you will need are some strategic storage solutions that will make sure your child's belongings have proper places where they belong so that they can keep them organised when playtime is over.

The solution that'll work best for you and your young ones will vary depending on age, needs and the space you have available, but some ideas include:

- Stack up some old crates or boxes and lay them on their side so they can serve double duty as open cubbies.
- In a nursery, find a dresser that can do double duty as a change table. That way, you'll have drawers of storage space for nappies, toys,

Left: Build or purchase a creatively shaped bookcase like this one and it can double as a dollhouse as well as storage when playtime is over. Walls in Resene Bunting, floor in Resene Sea Fog, bookshelf in Resene Hammerhead, box shelves in Resene Breathless, Resene Jalapeno and Resene Hammerhead, pendant lamp in Resene Jalapeno, storage boxes/crates on bookshelf in Resene Breathless, Resene Bunting, Resene Hammerhead and Resene Jalapeno, plant pot in Resene Bunting, bedside table in Resene Breathless with drawer front in Resene Wallpaper Collection LL-05-07-4.










clothing and essentials without needing to buy an additional piece of furniture.

- Use hooks to hang any dress-up costumes or hats to free up more space in bins and drawers.
- Purchase or build a shelving unit shaped like a dollhouse so that it doubles as both a 'toy' and storage.
- Install built-in benches with drawers to stow away bags, shoes or other toys.
- Repurpose old items like vintage suitcases or hatboxes and give them new life as toy trunks.
- Use a trolley – even one that was originally intended as a kitchen or bar cart – as a mobile storage solution that can easily travel between play areas.
- Use a ladder to store spare blankets, quilts, throws or picture books by draping them over the rungs.

- Not only are woven baskets practical, they also aren't total eyesores in a kid's room. Use them to corral toys, books or even clothing and accessories.
- Spice shelves can be put to alternative purpose for storing picture books. Their narrow profile means they don't protrude as far out from the wall as typical shelves, and they don't take up the floor space that a bookcase does.

Of course, painting your storage baskets, bins and other tidying tools in colours to complement the room's colour scheme means they'll look more like décor and add to the room's design rather than detracting from it.

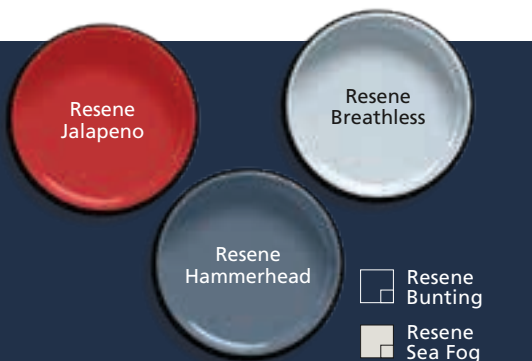
Right: Painting functional furniture with a fun design can add some real character to your child's space. Dresser in Resene Alabaster (outside) with painted triangles in (clockwise from top left) Resene Bismark, Resene Thumbs Up (try Resene Rob Roy), Resene Truffle, Resene Permanent Green and Resene Alabaster, wall in Resene Sea Fog with colour block in Resene Fast Forward (try Resene San Juan), floor in Resene Truffle and noticeboard in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen tinted to Resene Noir over two coats of Resene FX Magnetic Magic.

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|  Resene Alabaster |  Resene San Juan |
|  Resene Bismark |  Resene Noir |
|  Resene Rob Roy |  Resene Permanent Green |
|  Resene Truffle | |
|  Resene Bunting | |
|  Resene Sea Fog | |



top tip

Resene FX Crackle effect can be applied over any colour to create a crackled surface effect so you can see your basecoat colour through cracks in your topcoat. Try it on headboards, desktops and frames.






Above: Painting your storage solution with a chalk-friendly finish, such as Resene FX Chalkboard Paint or Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen, can turn it into a surface for creativity – or to help you or the kids remember what goes inside. Upper wall in Resene FX Blackboard Paint with lower wall in Resene Green Spring, floor in Resene Secrets, hook rack in Resene Rivergum, toy box in Resene Rivergum with lid in Resene Secrets and chair in Resene Paddock.

top tip

Aspiring authors and artists take note – you can transform a wall or a hard surface into a writing or doodle wall using Resene FX Blackboard Paint and Resene FX Chalkboard Paint. Or use Resene FX Write-on Wall Paint to turn any painted wall into a whiteboard which can be wiped clean.

 Resene Green Spring

 Resene Rivergum

Resene Secrets





Resene
Paddock

Opposite: Pick up some low profile crates that can slide under your child's bed for stowing away small items and paint them using Resene testpots in colours that coordinate with their bedding. Floor in Resene Fast Forward (try Resene San Juan), large crate in Resene Hive (try Resene Bright Spark) and small crate in Resene Sorbet (try Resene Dust Storm).

 Resene
Dust Storm


 Resene
Bright Spark

 Resene
San Juan

Right: Ladders are great for storing extra blankets, and you can never go wrong with beautiful baskets. Wall in Resene Eighth Joss with tongue-and-groove panelling in Resene Finch, floor in Resene Digeridoo, headboard, bedside table, ladder and canopy support in Resene Redwood, baskets and lidded dish in Resene Fahrenheit, tall vase in Resene Black Forest, medium vase in Resene Toffee, small vase in Resene Twine and DIY air dry clay animal masks in Resene Groundbreaker, Resene Doeskin, Resene Black Forest, Resene Hairy Heath and Resene Sambuca.

 Resene
Eighth Joss

 Resene
Hairy Heath


 Resene
Black Forest


 Resene
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Toffee

 Resene
Sambuca

 Resene
Redwood

Resene
Twine

Resene
Groundbreaker

Resene
Doeskin



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: Why not make your teen's study space a joyful place for them to read, listen to music and surf the internet? Lower wall in Resene Coast, upper wall and floor in Resene Poured Milk, circles painted on wall in Resene Influential (try Resene Tussock), Resene Shilo and Resene Yes Please (try Resene Fountain Blue) with cork placemats (used as pin boards) in Resene Raging Bull, Resene Coast, Resene Yes Please, Resene Shilo and Resene Influential, desk in Resene Influential, chair and pencil cup in Resene Yes Please, bookshelf and magazine file in Resene Raging Bull and plant pots in Resene Influential and Resene Coast.



Resene Coast



Resene Poured Milk



Resene Tussock



Resene Shilo



Resene Fountain Blue



Resene Raging Bull

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 this one. 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 (try Resene Raven) and Resene Half Rice Cake.



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 (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 tabletop neutral in Resene Half Rice Cake, it keeps the workspace itself from being too distracting.



Resene
Vista Blue



Resene
Raven



Resene Half
Rice Cake



Resene
Blue Lagoon



Resene
Scrumptious

eke out a niche

Creating a special reading nook for any age with the bold black of a Resene FX Blackboard Paint wall is perfect for inspiration and personalisation. This floor is Resene Alabaster for a monotone base to the room that can be accessorised to suit any child of any age from toddler to teen. Or for a coloured chalkboard use Resene FX 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 (try Resene Hampton), the panelling is in Resene Untamed (try Resene Clover) and the shelf and table legs are painted 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 FX Magnetic Magic on the backing followed by Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in your choice of colour. We used Resene Family Tree (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 Clover



Resene Cut Glass



Resene Lochmara



Resene Hampton



Resene Fuel Yellow



Resene Desperado

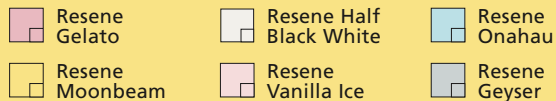


Resene Palm Green



artistic aspirations

If you have a budding artist in the family, why not make 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.



fortune favours the bold

A fun stripe of Resene ASAP (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 (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.



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?

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



a rosy outlook

Create a soft yet sophisticated nursery that will not feel babyish when your child grows older by adding wall panelling in an unexpected way. An asymmetrical pattern painted in Resene Cashmere creates a modern look when paired with Resene Olive Green accents on the cot. Add some personal touches by creating a mobile using testpots or any A4 drawdown paint swatches left over from choosing your wall colour. Simply cut your drawdowns into organic shapes, hole punch a hole and string them up – voilà!

Left: You don't have to be an expert carpenter to create wall panelling simply attach MDF or timber battens to the walls using screws and glue before painting. Wall and panelling painted in Resene Cashmere, flooring in Resene Colorwood Natural and cot details painted in Resene Olive Green.






-  Resene Cashmere
-  Resene Colorwood Natural
-  Resene Olive Green
-  Resene Umber White
-  Resene Dark Knight
-  Resene Pewter
-  Resene First Light

Above: Wall painted in Resene Umber White. Hanging mobile made from A4 drawdown paint swatches in Resene Dark Knight, Resene Pewter, Resene Olive Green, Resene Cashmere, Resene Umber White and Resene First Light, trolley painted in Resene Pewter and cot details painted in Resene Olive Green.



sweet and 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

rain or shine

No matter what the weather, this nursery looks soft and serene thanks to its muted colour palette. Wall in Resene Thorndon Cream with hand-painted cloud shapes in Resene Eighth Thorndon Cream, floor and shelf in Resene Thor, table in Resene Laser and vases, pots, rainbow stacking toy and mobile in Resene Vintage, Resene Just Right, Resene Laser, Resene Thor, Resene Undercurrent and Resene Safehaven (try Resene Streetwise).



-  Resene Thor
-  Resene Undercurrent
-  Resene Laser
-  Resene Streetwise
-  Resene Vintage
-  Resene Thorndon Cream
-  Resene Just Right
-  Resene Eighth Thorndon Cream

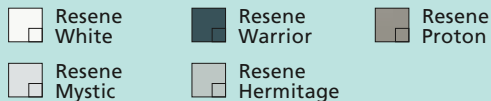


Learn how to make this DIY cloud mobile and other kid-friendly paint projects at www.habitatbyresene.com/habitat-tv.

twinkle twinkle

Is there anything more soothing than the gentle glow of starlight? There's comfort in the constancy of star constellations, making them the perfect inspiration for a calm, serene nursery. Resene FX Nightlight glow-in-the-dark paint brings Matariki star cluster or Messier Object 45 (M45), to life. Known as the Pleiades in Ancient Greek mythology, the cluster also appears in one of the most well-known Aboriginal tales, The Star Dreaming Story of the Seven Sisters. In Aotearoa, the stars are Matariki, and their appearance signals the beginning of Maori New Year, a time of harvest and celebration. The feature wall in Resene Warrior creates an inky evening background for the hand-painted Matariki and Southern Cross in Resene Black White, with an added dash of Resene FX Nightlight for a glow-in-the-dark effect.

Right: Get your glow on by creating a Matariki skyline. The back wall is painted in Resene Warrior, with stars in Resene Black White and clusters topcoated in Resene FX Nightlight glow-in-the-dark. To maximise the glow, paint the stars with a basecoat of Resene White before topcoating with Resene FX Nightlight. Left wall and floor in Resene Mystic. Toy box, lipped shelves and wall hook in Resene Reservoir and vases in Resene Half Jumbo, Resene Reservoir, Resene Warrior and Resene Hermitage. DIY kite mobile in Resene Proton, Resene Reservoir, Resene Half Jumbo and Resene Black White.



Left: Kites or manu tukutuku were traditionally used by Maori to symbolise the start of Matariki. Create this kite mobile by cutting 12 kites and tie shapes in thick paper or card (see the template online at www.habitatbyresene.com/tips/diy-kite-mobile) and paint in your favourite galactic colours – we used Resene Reservoir, Resene Half Jumbo and Resene Black White. Use a strong glue to attach to strings and tie to a macrame hoop.



party time

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 rainbow marshmallow lollies, 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 Splat, Resene Ethereal (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 and Make-a-Wish wooden cake topper in Resene Smiles.

- Resene Kandinsky
- Resene Alabaster
- Resene Soothe

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Resene Smiles

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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.

bright ideas

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



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 with paint. 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 Mid Greywash and the bedside table ties everything together in Resene Soft Apple.



Resene
Caper



Resene
Parchment



Resene
Moon Glow



Resene
Pale Leaf



Resene
Double Cut Glass



Resene Colorwood
Mid Greywash



Resene
Soft Apple



Resene
Half Opal

a motorway for boundless play

When you love playing with cars, the world is your motorway. Help pave the way for creative play by using paint and masking to turn your child's bedroom or playroom into a whole world for them to explore. To add another dimension of play, the grassy section of the wall has been coated in Resene FX Magnetic Magic then topcoated. Attach strong magnets to the back of plywood shapes or small wooden toys – cars, trees, buildings, letters and numbers – and your kids can enjoy countless hours playing out stories on their walls. For even more fun, choose Resene FX Chalkboard Paint or Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen for your tinted topcoats and the surface will also work as a chalkboard. Simply wipe it clean with a damp cloth.

top tip

If you're uncomfortable drawing freehand, you can download lots of fun stencil shapes from www.resene.com/stencils.

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Left: Lower walls and floor in Resene Highland, road in Resene Shark with dashed lines in Resene Broom, mountains in Resene Trojan with snowy caps in Resene Bubble White, sky in Resene Saltpan, cloud shelves in Resene Java and Resene Bubble White, lower shelf in Resene Japanese Laurel, chair in Resene Anise, toy box in Resene Sebedee and Resene Broom, hooks in Resene Broom and Resene Bubble White and shelf accessories (from left to right) in Resene Broom, Resene Shark, Resene Japanese Laurel, Resene Anise, Resene Sebedee, Resene Bubble White, Resene Java and Resene Sebedee. Even the peg pedestrians have been painted to match in Resene Sebedee, Resene Broom, Resene Japanese Laurel and Resene Java.



reading roadways

With just a couple of plywood pieces, toy cars and Resene testpots, you can put a pair of boring bookends on the highway to fun. We painted ours in Resene Shark. Once dry, use masking tape and Resene Broom to create the dashed centre line. While this is drying, paint a few wooden or diecast vehicles using Resene testpots, such as Resene Sebedee, Resene Untamed (try Resene Clover) and Resene Double Cut Glass. Use quick bond glue to attach your road sections to the back of your metal bookends and each other so your shapes create an 'L' shape. Then, glue the vehicles onto your roadways.

 Resene Shark	 Resene Java
 Resene Broom	 Resene Sebedee
 Resene Trojan	 Resene Japanese Laurel
 Resene Highland	 Resene Bubble White
 Resene Saltpan	 Resene Clover



- 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 (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 is 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 FX Chalkboard Paint or Resene FX Blackboard Paint over basecoats of Resene FX 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 

get decorating

Try out your favourite colours

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Above: Hand-painted polka dots mimic the look of wallpaper. Wall in Resene Wafer, dots in Resene Double Alabaster, floor in Resene Pearl Bush, bedside table in Resene Big Bang, toy box in Resene Urbane with triangles in Resene Big Bang, jars in Resene Umber White and Resene Spring Wood and plant pot in Resene Dust Storm.

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-  Resene Bright Spark
-  Resene Golden Glow
-  Resene Sunglo
-  Resene Alpaca
-  Resene Big Bang
-  Resene Wax Flower
-  Resene Tango
-  Resene Quarter Dutch White

Say rise and shine to this bright room with sunrise stripes painted from left in Resene Tacao, Resene Bright Spark, Resene Golden Glow, Resene Sunglo, Resene Alpaca, Resene Big Bang, Resene Wax Flower and Resene Tango. Walls and floor painted in Resene Quarter Dutch White.