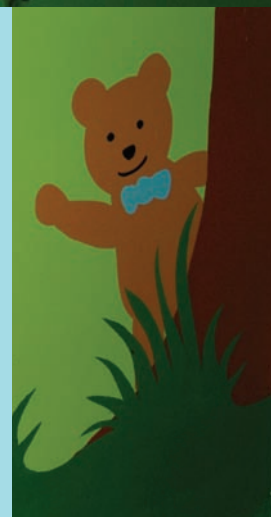


...into the woods

Looking for inspiration to decorate your child's bedroom or to give it a whole new look? Here are some great kid's bedroom wall feature ideas you can easily do yourself that won't cost the earth!

From colourful paint effects, sparkly patterns and fun colours, you can transform your child's bedroom into something they are sure to love for years to come. In the first of our *Littlies* Workshop series, artist and designer, Mark Rayner, provides easy step-by-step instructions to help you create some fun and different looks for your child's bedroom or playroom.

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TEDDY BEARS PICNIC: Transform your child's bedroom into a Teddy Bear oasis by creating a stunning feature wall.

Step 1. Ensure the wall is clean and the surface is in sound condition before painting with two coats of Resene Magnetic Magic paint. Allow to dry.

Step 2. Paint the sky with two coats of Resene Anakiwa, the background hill with two coats of Resene Kermit, and the foreground hill with two coats of Resene Dizzy Lizzy. Allow to dry.

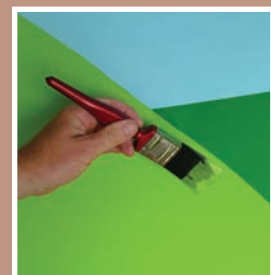
Step 3. Paint two large trees at either end of the wall using two coats of Resene Fudge. Allow to dry.

Step 4. Using a small sponge, create textured foliage on the branches using a combination of Resene English Holly, Resene Kermit and Resene Dizzy Lizzy. Allow to dry.

Step 5. Paint the bears using testpots of Resene Cigar, Resene Paarl, Resene Rusty Nail, and Resene Nero for the facial details. Use Resene Alabaster for the picnic sheets and Resene Havelock Blue for the crockery. Fill in bears' clothing and picnic food with the remaining testpot colours. Allow to dry before stencilling in grass with Resene Grass Stain.

Step 6. Arrange the fridge magnets on the feature wall and attach other magnets to the smaller teddy bears, sticking these to the wall. Use self-adhesive hooks to attach the larger bears to complete the picnic scene.

To finish off: Paint the skirting board with two coats of Resene Enamacryl Grass Stain.



For a list of products used for this project, see 'Teddy Bear project' on www.littlies.co.nz under Littlies Activities/Resene. Most of the accessories used in this project are available from The Warehouse (www.thewarehouse.co.nz) 0800 422 274.



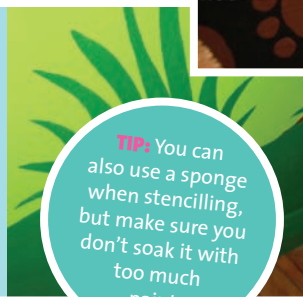
“ ...use a small sponge to create textured foliage on the branches with three shades of green ... ”



TRANSFORM A TOYBOX: This Teddy Bear Toybox was transformed with Resene Enamacryl tinted to Resene Chaos, Resene Fizz, Resene Wet N Wild, and Resene Fudge. For details on how to make this project visit www.resene.co.nz/artprojects/index.htm



...magnetic and blackboard paint add fun and activities galore to the room...



TIP: You can also use a sponge when stencilling, but make sure you don't soak it with too much paint.



TIP: Angle the plywood blackboard with wooden brackets at the back to keep it sturdy and safe.

STENCIL FUN: Create a grass motif along the bottom of the wall using a stencil from the Resene online Stencil Library. www.resene.co.nz/kids/kids_stencils.htm

Step 1. Download the Grass Stain stencil from the Resene Stencil Library and enlarge to A1 size. Cover both sides of the stencil with clear self-adhesive plastic. This will prevent the paint from damaging the paper.

Step 2. Use a craft knife to carefully cut out the grass stain stencil.

Step 3. Hold the stencil in position with masking tape along the upper edge and use a light stippling technique to apply Resene Spacecote Low Sheen Grass Stain paint. Carefully remove the stencil, wipe off any excess paint from the back and repeat.

CREATE A BLACKBOARD:

Step 1 Prime a piece of plywood with one coat of Resene Quick Dry Acrylic Primer Undercoat. Allow to dry.

Step 2 Paint the plywood with two coats of Resene Blackboard Paint. Allow to dry.

Step 3 Paint paw prints along the bottom edge of the blackboard with a test pot of Resene Fudge. Allow to dry before using.

