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JUST FOR

KIDS

Summer Vacations; yes, these two words always ring a bell and bring back childhood memories of all the fun we had during this most waited time of the year. This fun continues as you now see your child delve into the same delight of experiencing a happy time at home. With no rules to follow, we have put together some exotic combinations of ideas, inspirations, tricks, and imaginative solutions that will help you design a perfect nook for your kids.

FEATURE **VANITA ARORA**

TIPS & TRICKS

SPECIAL FEATURE

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

- Play around with different furniture pieces and avoid adding bulky chairs, desks or stools. Instead, give the room some space to create and recreate various zones and corners for the child and allow him to do what he likes.
- Highlight one wall with fun wallpaper, decals or shaped mirrors and create some fun around it, says Rohina Anand Khira, Owner of AA Living. Keep the rest of the walls white, as it will be easy for you to make changes in the room as the child grows.
- Payal Karumbiah, Founder and Principal Designer of The Baby Atelier suggests that if you are designing a playroom for a young boy and a girl, it should have enough storage space. You can plan an activity wall where kids can explore and showcase their work, a room they can use until they are around ten years old.
- Go for innovative storage solutions like a dresser that looks good with accessories that are displayed, and can also help store the child's daily essentials.

1. Baby Collection, Janavi 2. Cheery Yellow Bunting, available at The Yellow Dwelling 3. Lighthouse shaped cushion, available at The Yellow Dwelling 4. Percy Travel Mug available at M&S Home 5. Bosa available at Sources Unlimited 6. Room Designed by Eshita Marwah 7. Mango Wood Multipurpose Decorative Printed Wall Plate By Logam from Pepperry 8. Room Designed by Payal Karumbiah, Founder and Principal Designer, The Baby Atelier





BUY SMART

- The knick-knacks you buy for your kid's space are another way of showing your love for them and making them feel pampered.
- Go for products that are full of expressions and made with kid-friendly materials.
- While buying things for the kid's room, Rohina Anand Khira, Owner of AA Living, advises focusing on a practical, easy-to-use clean component. Put a lot of rugs in materials like polycotton as they are easy to maintain.
- A kid's room will be host to innumerable activities so bring in products that shoulder perfect balance in their shape and colour. Before you get carried away with buying all you like, give a thought to all the things that will actually get used by the child and will be useful to him for a longer period of time. And if the child is at an age wherein he can identify his own preferences, then plan a purchase in accordance to those preferences.

1. Room Designed by Meenu Aggarwal, Founder and Interior Designer, MADS Creations 2. Superia Monkey Wall Clock in Multicolour By Kidz from Peppertory 3. Kids Room Collection by Obeetee 4. Percy Pig Dinner Set for Kids available at M&S Home 5. Kids Room Collection by Obeetee 6. Black Star Queen Duvet Cover available at The Baby Atelier



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BUY SMART

- Go Natural. Use materials that are not child-like but can still be fun to explore, like rattan, wicker and natural wood colours.
- While planning draperies, make sure that they don't hang to the floor as this could hinder their movement and also be unsafe.
- As experts recommend, light is a critical feature for the room and should be installed appropriately. Though natural light works best for the little ones as it puts less strain on the eyes, add task lighting for more focused work like studying or drawing. For a smooth sleep time, lights with dimmer control can work best instead of regular ones

1. Room Designed by Payal Karumbiah, Founder and Principal Designer, The Baby Atelier 2. Baby Collection by Janavi 3. Room Designed by Anil Badan, Founder and Principal Architect, Studio B Architect 4. Room, Add Designed by Romilla Tewari, Founder and Creative Head of Think Cutieful 5. Astrotoy, Wall Shelf in Blue Colour Boing! from Pepperfry



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FUNCTIONAL SPACES

- A vibrant work-cum-study space and a small child-friendly kitchenette can give enough room for the child to flow his creative juices in.
- Florals and stripes are all-time girls' favourites. So you use them generously in the room as accents, on cushions and curtains or even on the wall.
- While designing a space for two kids, plan the layout according to available space. A multi-functional bunk bed with storage and display can work well for the two kids.
- Think out of the box and use open shelves to display books, toys, awards and accessories created by your child. Rohina Anand Khira, Owner of AA Living shares that kids really take pride in their work, so have a space in the room where they can showcase their artworks. This creates a sense of accomplishment in them. Additionally, this gives the room a more personal touch.
- Go for innovative storage solutions, like a dresser that looks good with accessories displayed and can also help store the child's daily essentials.

1. Room Designed by Priyanka Singh, Director, VO Living 2. Room Designed by Smitha Zachariah, Founder and Principal Designer, ZXP Design 3. Tumidei available at Ottimo 4. Kumpal Vaid, Founder and Principal Designer, Purple Backyard 5. Room Designed by Hardesh Chawla and Monica Chawla, Founders and Interior Designers, Essentia Environments

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