



Kids bedroom

SMALL WONDERS

MAKE CONTROLLING THE CHAOS OF A CHILD'S ROOM FUN
WITH CLEVER IDEAS THAT EVEN LITTLES CAN FOLLOW

Blanket solution

A VINTAGE BLANKET BOX FINDS A NEW LEASE OF LIFE AS A HIDEAWAY FOR TOYS AND BOOKS - JUST CLOSE THE LID AND ALL IS FORGIVEN. IT DOUBLES AS EXTRA SEATING WHEN THE LITTLE ONES HAVE FRIENDS AROUND.

CURTAIN CALL

"Rethink the wardrobe," suggests Anna-Carin McNamara of Anna.Carin Design Studio. "Consider an open wardrobe, with a curtain that runs the whole way in front of it. This way, it's quicker getting the children dressed in the morning." The added bonus? The floor-to-ceiling curtain can double up as a theatre curtain when it's time to play.

KIDDY LITTER

Laundry baskets in kids' bedrooms are a must, says Lauren Mahoney of Studio Trio. "They keep the floor free from messy clothes." And, let's face it, that's where kids' clothes inevitably end up, even if you provide them with a chair for the purpose.



Colour me happy

IN MOST OTHER AREAS OF THE HOME, WE TRY TO BE ALL SECRET SQUIRREL WITH STORAGE BUT THE KIDS BEDROOM IS ONE PLACE YOU CAN LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN FREE. ADD DECALS TO A WARDROBE AND BRIGHT KNOBS THAT ARE EASY FOR LITTLE HANDS TO GRASP AND REACH.



Pin-up hero

DON'T WASTE YOUR WALL SPACE, SAYS LAUREN. "I LOVE PINBOARDS OVER KIDS' DESKS. THAT WAY, THINGS DON'T GET STUCK ELSEWHERE ON WALLS, AND BIRTHDAY INVITES, AWARDS OR CERTIFICATES CAN BE PINNED UP." WALL SHELVING IS A MUST FOR HOMEWORK, BOOKS, ACCESSORIES AND TOYS.

Beddy buys

Don't let the valuable space under the bed go to waste. "A trundle mattress is a good idea," says Lauren. "Sealy has trundle mattresses in both single or king single sizes and they're great for sleepovers, as they don't eat up floor space."

All class

Adopt the "Kindergarten Principle" when sorting, says Anna-Carin. "Organise toys and games according to activity and choose storage that allows the items to be seen easily," she says. "For example, trunks for dress-up clothes and paint supplies, clear plastic tubs for Lego, umbrella stands for rolls of paper and puzzles and board games in a box."

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