



# shades of play

AN ELEGANT GENDER-NEUTRAL PLAYROOM IN SHADES OF BLACK AND WHITE NOT ONLY ADDS DRAMA AND INTEREST, THESE CLASSIC COLOURS WILL HAVE GREAT STAYING POWER AS YOUR MINI-ME GROWS!



Opposite page Doll house (W70cm x L90cm x D20cm), \$150, from **Urban Li'L**. Assorted doll house accessories, \$25.90 to \$35.90, by Plan Toys from **The Better Toy Store**.

This page Pendant lamp, \$229, "Hello" poster light box, \$125.90, black & white pompon garland, \$19.90, all by **A Little Lovely Company**, ice-cream light, \$19.90, side-table, \$79.90, both by **Wood**, ride-on toy car, \$219.90, round rug, \$175, stuffed bashful bunnies, \$40 to \$120, by **Jellycat**, and knit blanket, \$75, all from **Deer Industries**. Organic cotton play tent, \$198, by **Deuz**, cushions, \$79.80 to \$119, by **Ferm Living**, all from **The Children's Showcase**. Knot cushions, \$45 each, by **Urban Home Co** from **Urban Li'L**.

add this!

Use wooden furniture and accessories to create a warm, Scandinavian vibe.

make an impact

Interior designer **Melisa White** of [www.melisawhiteinteriors.com](http://www.melisawhiteinteriors.com) says that adding a third hue will soften the black-and-white colour scheme. Choose dove grey, canary yellow, light pink or baby blue, but pick just one, so that it doesn't overwhelm the monochrome tones.

# trim works

THROW IN A GEOMETRIC ACCESSORY OR TWO TO ADD A 3D EFFECT AND IMPACT TO YOUR KEWPIE'S ROOM.



Assorted wall hooks. \$22.90 each, from Deer Industries.

Toy storage bag, \$65.90, by Play&Go from Deer Industries.



Circle rug, \$118, by OYOY from Baby Style Icon.



Sleeping bear paper storage bag, \$35, by Tellkiddo from Oh Happy Fry.



Bistro mini kitchen, \$215, by Micki from Oh Happy Fry.



Activity gym, \$151, by Emily & Meritt from Pottery Barn Kids.

## 2 create layers

Add texture to your space by incorporating woven rugs, chunky knit throws, shag cushions or woollen wall hangings.

stockists BABY STYLE ICON [www.babystyleicon.com](http://www.babystyleicon.com) THE BETTER TOY STORE #01-11 Tanglin Mall, 163 Tanglin Road, 6836-2450 THE CHILDREN'S SHOWCASE #03-08A Tanglin Mall, 6735-0884 DEER INDUSTRIES #07-05 Tan Boon Liat Building, 315 Outram Road, 9485-4430 OH HAPPY FRY [www.ohhappyfry.com](http://www.ohhappyfry.com) POTTERY BARN KIDS [www.potterybarnkids.com](http://www.potterybarnkids.com) URBAN L'L [www.urbanlil.com](http://www.urbanlil.com)

## 3 balance the colours

As a general rule, work with a ratio of 70 per cent white to 30 per cent black. Too much black could make the room look very dark and dull. Add drama by painting a whole wall in black magnetic or chalk paint, then accent with white furniture and accessories. This way, this shade is the predominant element in your room.



Toy chest, \$475, by Bopita, tree hat-stand, \$249, knit blanket, \$75, framed panda decorations, \$114.90 each, cushions, \$39.90 to \$59.90, bashful black kitten, \$40, knit blanket, \$75, all from Deer Industries. Cool kid's banner, \$38.90, by Woouf, wooden bus with pets, \$89.90, by Legler, both from The Children's Showcase.