3 Designer Kids' Rooms

A few of our favorite Southern decorators share their own children's rooms to show you how to create stylish spaces that are anything but juvenile



ROOM TO GROW

A strong mid-century vibe flows throughout designer Charlotte Lucas' 1950s Charlotte, North Carolina, homeeven into the nursery of her 1-year-old daughter, Liles. Charlotte believes in creating kid-friendly rooms, but not at the expense of dulling down the sophistication.

What She Did

LENGTHENED THE ROOM An off-center window threw off the room's symmetry. To fix this, Charlotte hung her curtains to the ceiling and ran them the length of the windowed wall.

SKIPPED THE PASTELS Rather than having a typical nursery scheme, Charlotte used saturated hues, tactile grass cloth on the walls, and complementary wallpaper on the ceiling to create a baby-loving, cocoon-like feeling.

USED GROWN-UP FURNITURE Timeless pieces such as the handsome dresser, shelves, and a miniature Eames-style dining set will be practical for Liles for years to come.





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- YOUR OWN ROOM AS A CHILD: I designed my own bed! I sketched out my ideas and met with the fabricator. From then on, I knew if you couldn't find what you were looking for, it could always be made.
- KID-PROOF SPLURGE: Wallpaper. It makes the largest impact in a room.
- BEST DECORATING TIP: Buy furniture and art that isn't too childish so it remains relevant as children grow.
- SECRET SOURCE: I love Roberta Roller Rabbit (robertaroller rabbit.com) and Rikshaw Design (rikshawdesign.com) for bedding.
- NURSERY DO: Try something more colorful or vibrant that you might not risk in another room.
- NURSERY DON'T: Avoid the tendency to rush and fill up the room before the baby arrives. It's better to wait and save up for the right piece instead of just purchasing to fill up the space.