

# Decorating a child's room

A beautifully decorated baby's room is always a perfect welcome home for a newborn.

But, if you're at the point where it's time to replace the cradle with a bed and pass the change table onto someone else, you may want to consider converting your baby's room into a multi-purpose room that will keep your child occupied as he or she grows older.

When decorating a child's room, it's important to think ahead to make certain the room will accommodate his/her changing needs.

Planning ahead is particularly important when choosing a colour scheme. For example, consider selecting neutral background colours for walls and carpets. You can then use accent pieces such as cushions, comforters and curtains to brighten the room. This approach makes it much easier and less expensive to adapt the room to your child's changing tastes.

If you choose to use wallpaper, it can be a wonderful way to add warmth and character to a child's room. But, keep in mind that depending on the pattern you select, you may have to re-decorate more frequently than if you stick with painted walls. When selecting wallpaper, make sure it is washable, durable and can be easily removed if necessary.

Wallpaper borders have also become a popular way to liven up a room. Bold stripes, cartoon characters and zoo animals are just a few of hundreds of fun patterns to choose from. Once again, you may have to change the borders frequently if you choose patterns your child will outgrow quickly.

More than likely, your child's room will serve as both a playroom and a bedroom. So, keep durability and comfort in mind when selecting flooring.

If you decide to carpet the room, avoid coarse carpeting that can be abrasive to children who are still crawling or who will spend most of the time playing on the floor. In addition, make sure you choose a dark colour since stains are more visible on light-coloured carpeting.

Cork tiles are ideal for a playroom since they are warm and easy to maintain. Vinyl floors, made of a thick, cushioned grade, are also durable.

If you opt for wooden floors, keep an eye out for loose boards, splinters or protruding nails that could cause injury.

Planning ahead is also important when selecting furniture. Whether you're buying a whole new set of furniture or just adding to existing pieces, it's best to select furniture that can be adjusted as your child grows.

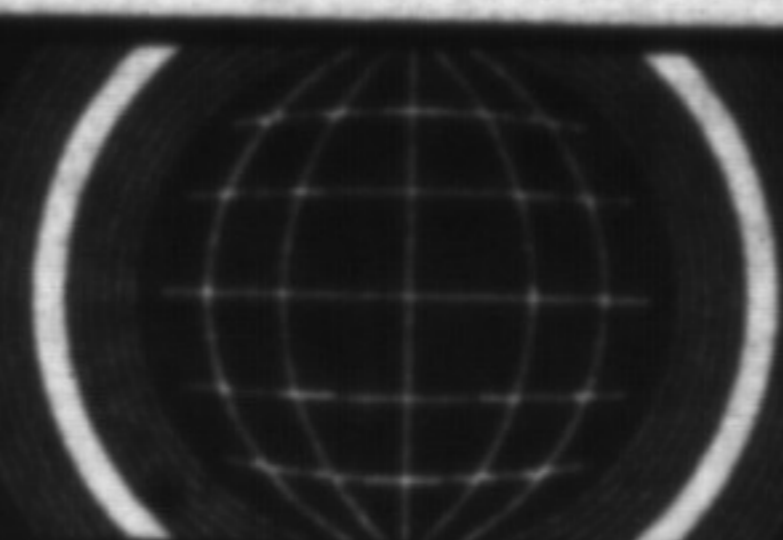
For example, there are many shelving systems and desks that can be elevated to keep pace with your child's growth. If you plan to install a shelving system, make sure you secure it against a wall so there's no chance of it falling over.

Sturdy and durable pieces of furniture are ideal for children's rooms since they don't chip easily and can stand up to heavy use. Even though this furniture may be more expensive, it's worth it to spend a little more money on pieces that will last longer.

Avoid furniture with sharp or rough edges that can injure your child. Special protective corner guards can be purchased for added protection.

If you're tight on storage space, beds with storage bins underneath are an excellent buy. Younger children usually need a lot more storage space for toys than clothes. So, keep an eye out for large plastic or wooden toy bins which are sure to come in handy. Stacking storage baskets and low-level cupboards will also help maintain order in the room.

As with every other room in your home, make sure all electrical fittings are shielded. Safety socket covers are an excellent way to ensure inquisitive little ones don't poke small metallic objects into unused electrical outlets. You should install safety latches on windows as well.



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### 782 COULSON

Investor selling. Easily maintained exterior brick/aluminum 2 storey. Close to Sam Sharrett School, play park and backing onto jogging trail and greenspace. Listed at \$156,500. Please call Doug Butson to view #128.



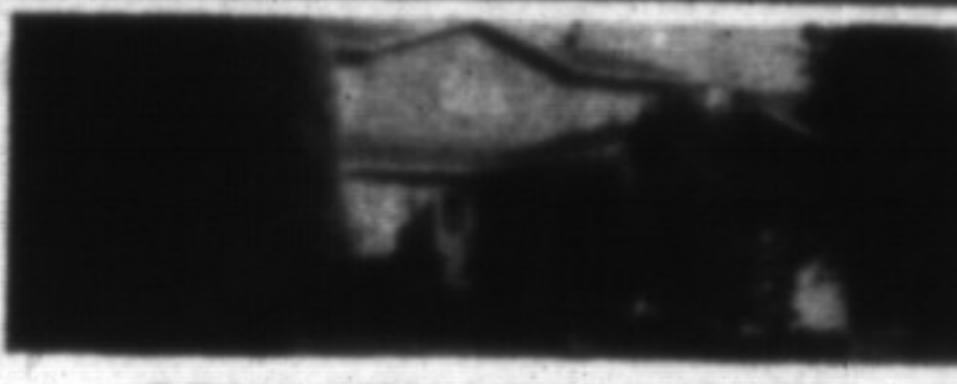
### SIMPLY GORGEOUS \$159,900.

The lovely semi on a quiet court in Timberlea is in move-in condition. Features include 3 bdrms. with large master, living room with F.P. & bay window, separate dining room with w.c., eat-in kit. has w/c to private yard, deck & I/G pool. Nicely decorated & landscaped. Don't let this one pass you by! For more info. about #125 call Angela Bailey anytime.



### COUNTRY RETREAT, 100 ACRE FARM \$399,900.

Cosy country home features 3 bedrooms, large eat-in kitchen, separate living & dining rooms, den, sunroom. Property has 2 implement sheds, 2 large barns, mature trees, pond, good agricultural land. Located 10 mins. from Milton & 401. To view #74 please call Helen Hardy.



### COME SEE, COME SIGH!

Take time to view this Timberlea beauty. Features include 3 spacious bdrms., 3 washrooms, eat-in kit., formal L.R. & D.R., main floor family room with custom fireplace & walkout, fr. games room & rec. room w/bar, C/A, C/V, plus a gorgeous backyard with I/G pool. Offered at \$267,900. Call Bill Currie to view #127.



### MOVE IN AND ENJOY

This four-bedroom townhouse is very clean and nicely decorated in neutral colours. Eat-in kitchen, appliances included. Finished basement. Walk to Milton Mall, schools and GO station. Asking \$134,900. Flexible closing. Please call Barbara Mallescu to view #122.



### ONTARIO ST. EXPOSURE

Call now to view this three bedroom bungalow offering a legal basement apartment with a separate entrance. A great investment opportunity in a central location \$177,777. Call Linda Ertzly for complete details about #101.



### TWO FAMILY HOME

Three bedroom home offers an eat-in kitchen with oak cupboards, hardwood floors, new bath plus a complete apartment downstairs. \$184,900. For more details or to view #117, please call Dan Delic.



### PARKLAND...

...Framed by mature trees is the view you'd enjoy from this 3 bedroom townhouse. Large living room/dining room combo with walkout to deck. Asking \$123,500. To view #121 please call Al Burnes.



### GARDENERS' DELIGHT!

Lots of perennials make this garden bloom all summer in a collage of colour. The 55' x 120' lot has loads more room for a pool or more gardens, whichever you please. The home has been well maintained with replaced windows & shingles and both bathrooms completely redone - come have a look - you'll love it! \$189,900. Call Barbara Mallescu #112.



### BUYER FRIENDLY!

Attractive three bedroom home complete with eat-in kitchen, separate dining room, formal living room, finished family room with fireplace, sewing room, central air, central vacuum, inground pool and nice lot. Offered at \$189,900. Contact Bill Currie to view #124.



### TWO-BEDROOM CONDO

Call Wayne Casson to view this attractive apartment with 2 balconies and in-apartment laundry room. Video security cameras make this immaculate condo a must to see. Call today for your appt. to view #01. Listed at \$122,900.



### COUNTRY CLASSIC \$529,900

Beautifully restored 2.5 story brick 3+ bdrm. Victorian home on 7.8 acres. Located close to Milton, Oakville and Burlington. This quality home boasts a main floor dining room, living room, den, family room with FP and large bright kitchen with BI appliances incl. 6 burner Elmsa gas stove. This property also has an I/G pool, pond & 30'x50' out bldg. with lot. For more info about #111 please call Gary Love.



### CONSIDER THIS

For only \$129,900 you could be the proud owner of a FOUR bedroom townhouse with L-shaped dining room and living room with walkout, finished rec. room and nice yard. Contact Bill Currie to view #126.



### FAMILY FARM

151 acres of land, close to Burlington & Oakville with 4 quality adaptable farm buildings, presently used for beef cattle operation. Great estate, turn of the century, 2-story brick home. An excellent environment for the growing family. Call Jennie Fretz for more details about #06 at 876-1133 (office) or 875-2727 (home).



3+ bedroom home features, sitting room just off the master bedroom with wood stove, family room with bar, sauna, fireplace, finished basement, updated plumbing, new roof '92, alarm system, garage and more! \$189,900. To view #110 please call W.J. (Jack) McCrudden, Broker.



### PARK LIKE SETTING

Located near Kelso Conservation area. This immaculate home offers 2+ bedrooms, large eat-in kitchen, separate dining room, formal living room, 4 piece washroom, many upgrades and a super one acre lot! Yours for \$179,900. Call Bill Currie about #90.



### A HOME FOR ALL SEASONS

Enjoy the above ground pool & lovely garden in the summer. When the weather cools, soak in the hot tub & relax in front of the cozy fireplace. On a quiet street, close to schools & parks, & an easy walk to the mall, this nicely decorated home can be yours to enjoy any time of the year! Flexible closing. \$189,900. Call Barbara Mallescu # about #104.



### CAMPBELLVILLE ESTATES

In a beautiful prestigious area, close to rejuvenated downtown. 4 bedroom bungalow, main floor laundry and family room, large foyer, sunken living room with fireplace, circular drive, fireplace wall and much more. For your personal viewing call Rose Casson or Jennie Fretz about #120.



### NOW ASKING \$194,000

This attractive 3 bdrm bungalow, situated on a quiet court, comes complete with a recreation room with a walk-out, a game/family room with a fireplace, central air conditioning and upgraded wood trim throughout. Call Wayne Casson to view #91.



### 18' X 36' POOL PLUS...

3 bdrms., 2 washrooms, eat-in kitchen, large living & dining rooms, finished rec. room, guest bedroom, office, spacious laundry room with lots of storage, C/A & many upgrades. Yours for \$198,500. To view #109 please call Bill Currie.



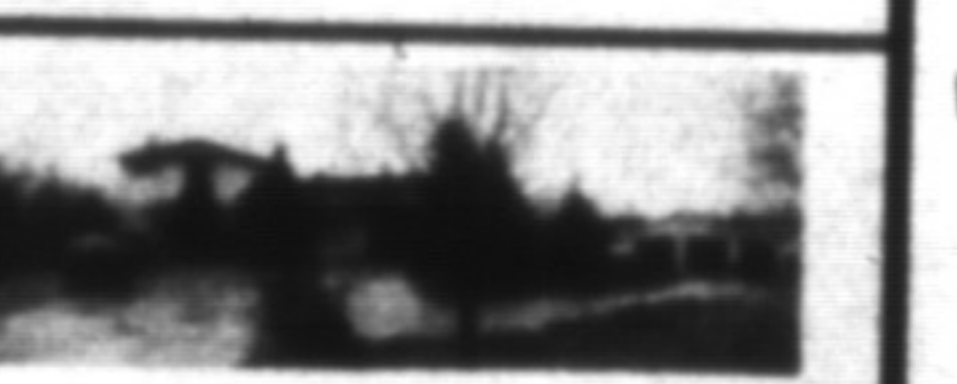
### LOOKING FOR PRIVACY, LOCATION & COUNTRY? NOW \$298,900

Look no further! This quality custom brick ranch style home is situated on a very private 4 acres, surrounded by mature trees. Features 4 bedrooms, 2 ensuite baths, 2 fireplaces, central vacuum, 2 car garage, separate living & dining rooms, finished rec room, plus much more. To view #73 please call Helen Hardy.



### WILSON DRIVE

Three bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, large rec. room, large master bedroom, freshly painted, fully fenced all for \$122,900. Available immediately. Contact Joan Tattre-Hollings to view #57.



### LARGE WORKSHOP +

Now Asking \$258,000: Immaculate 4 bdrm. family home with large 20' x 40' dbl., extra length, det. garage, on 1 ac. Woodstove in rec. room, prep. F/P in dining area, C/V, paved lanes & more. To view call Jennie Fretz at 875-2727 (home) or 876-1133 (office), #88.



### \$244,900

INVESTORS TAKE NOTE: LEGAL NON-CONFORMING TRIPLEX. Situated close to downtown Milton. Completely fenced backyard. Contact W. J. (Jack) McCrudden, Broker for complete details or to view #81.



This attractively built 3 bedroom bungalow comes complete with a large country kitchen, main floor family room with a fireplace, formal dining room, finished rec. room with a wood-burning stove, wet bar, extra bedroom and 4 washrooms. Call Wayne Casson to view this one listed at \$309,900. #84.



### QUAINT LOWVILLE VILLAGE

Excellent starter home, completely renovated in 1994. New carpets, new kitchen and new bathroom fixtures. 100 amp service. Very picturesque location. \$158,900. For details about #75 please call Don S. Patz.



Try life in this quiet serene setting on the Niagara Escarpment. Approx. 6,000 sq. ft. of elegant living space. Quality workmanship & materials throughout. Indoor & outdoor BBQ's. Large heated I/G pool with cabana. Nanny suite & much more. \$797,000. To view #127 please call Jennie Fretz.



### CHILD'S DRIVE TOWNHOUSE

This 3 bedroom home offers a convenient main floor laundry room, 1.5 baths, dining room overlooks living room, walkout to private deck which overlooks complex pool, single garage and more. Asking \$138,900. Contact W.J. (Jack) McCrudden, Broker, to view #122.



### NOW ASKING \$179,900.

LOOK HERE if you are looking for a 3 bdrm. bungalow with an in-law apartment! STOP looking and view this one listed by Wayne Casson. This home comes complete with a gas F.P. and inground pool.#78



### UNIQUE WEST COAST DESIGN

Custom built, multi level home with great view. This is a special home for a special buyer who can appreciate the open concept design with cozy sitting areas and soaring ceilings. Skylights bathe the home with natural light and the surrounding woods provide a view of nature at its best. Come see if this is the home for you! \$239,900. Call Barbara Mallescu to view #87.



### RIDGE DRIVE

Superb side split boasting four bedrooms, central air, large deck and many extra amenities. Price \$208,900. For more details contact W.J. (Jack) McCrudden, Broker, about #89.



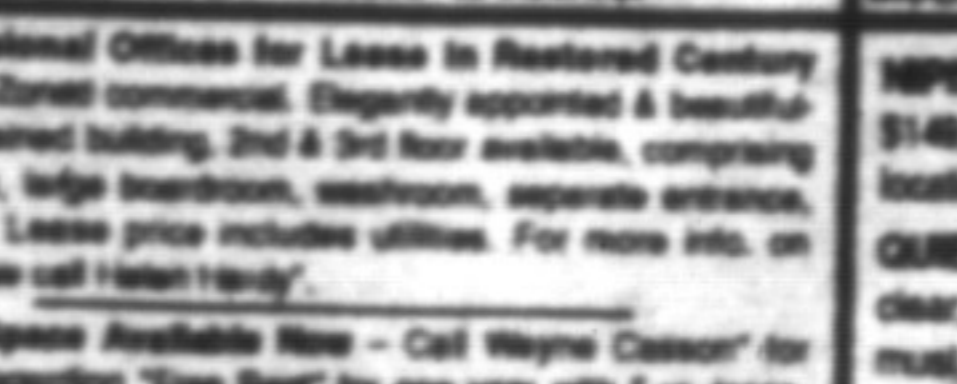
### COUNTRY LIVING IN TOWN

This charming three bedroom home with 1.8 acres of backyard is only a few steps away from Bronte Harbour, shopping and transportation. \$425,000. For complete details about #07 please call Joseph Fedacsek, Associate Broker.



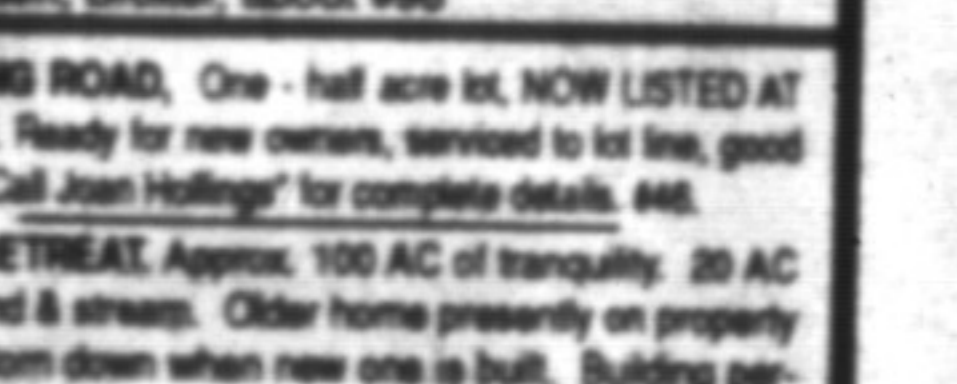
### ESTATE SALE \$144,400

Excellent bungalow very near GO station, adult community centre, hair salon, pharmacy, church, playground & more. Expedient buyer could include ledge, stove, TV, A/C, dining room set, etc. Call Doug Butson for details about #83.

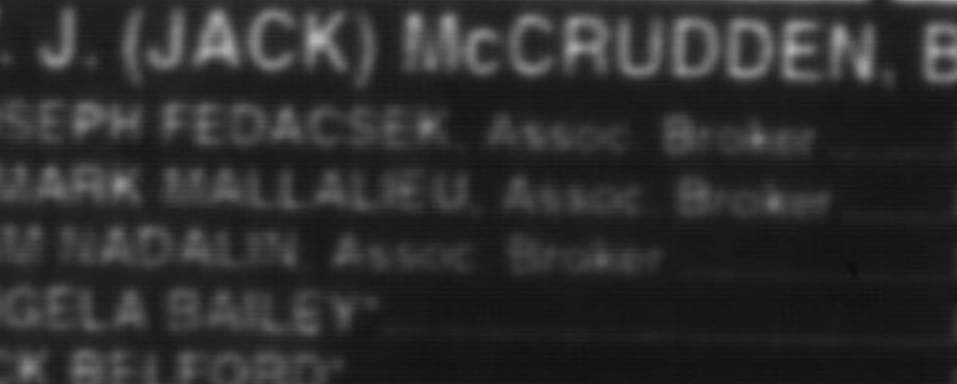


### OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE NOW

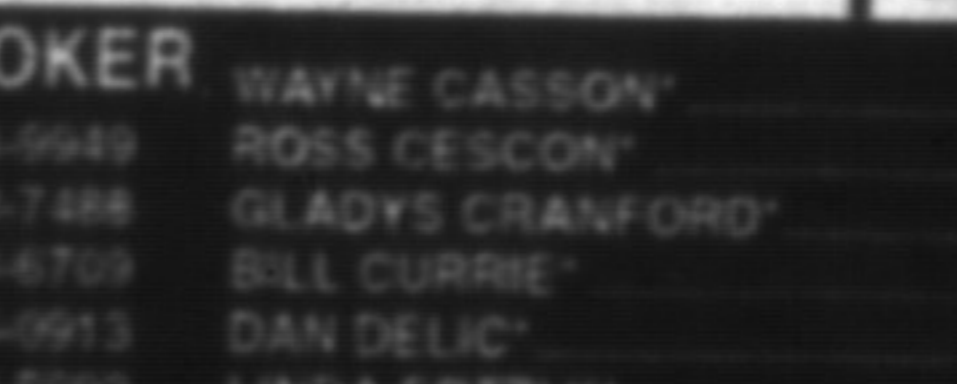
Call Wayne Casson for details regarding "Free Rent" for one year with 5-yr. lease. Lease of parking & high traffic area. #91



Professional Office for Lease in Restored Century Home - Direct commercial. Elegantly appointed & beautifully maintained building. 2nd & 3rd floor available, comprising 5 offices, large boardroom, reception, separate entrance, parking. Lease price includes utilities. For more info, or applications call Helen Hardy.



Operating now as homebased getting. Two-bed room bungalow has dry basement for storage/workshop plus separate 48-R. garage annex potential. \$178,777. For more details about #40 please call Doug Butson.



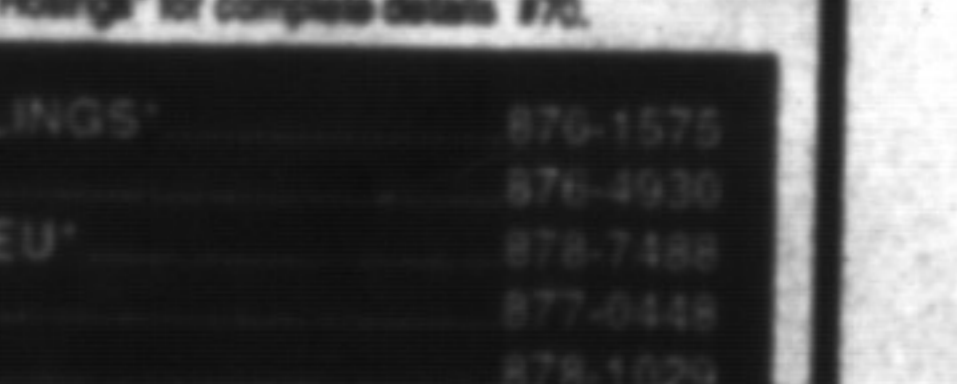
### RENOVATED PROPERTY

Call Wayne Casson for details and details about this only a 2-1/2 hour drive from Toronto. From 2 acres on the Clear River starting at \$26,800. #92.



### MIPSSING ROAD

One - half acre lot. NOW LISTED AT \$148,900. Ready for new owner, serviced to lot line, good location. Call Joan Tattre-Hollings for complete details. #86



Quiet retreat. Approx. 100 AC of tranquility. 20 AC clear, pond & streams. Older home presently on property must be torn down when new one is built. Building permit available for executive home. Greatly reduced, new priced at only \$267,000. Call Jennie Fretz at 876-1133 (office) or 875-2727 (home). #128

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