

How to create a stylish kid-friendly home

Believe it or not, a trendy, functional home and little kids are completely compatible. Learn how to create the look in your space by focusing on these key areas.

Smart storage. Keep colourful toys on hand but out of sight with gorgeous storage solutions like wicker baskets, an antique chest, or a statement bench with built-in storage.

Embrace an open concept. Give kids the space they need to move around and be creative by opting for an open concept with pieces that flow and move easily. You'll also be able to keep a watchful eye on them while you do your own thing.

Durable fabrics. Life is messy — especially with kids. So choose durable fabrics that'll stand up to wear and tear. Think an outdoor rug inside for high-

traffic areas and removable slip-covers on sofas and pillows. You can also go with darker coloured fabrics to be extra cautious and lighten up the look with brighter pillows and decorative items.

Toy story. For a fun twist, display a few cool-looking toys like art or funky pop accents in shelves or on top of a stack of books. You can also frame some of the more interesting pieces from your budding artists in simple black frames for a contemporary experimental art aesthetic.

At the window. Safety should always be first when it comes to children, and window treatments are no exception. If you have little ones or expect them as visitors, choose window treatments that have no exposed rear cords for enhanced safety.



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