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KA-CHING! IT DOESN'T HAVE TO COST A FORTUNE

64 Cool classics

From bright and bold, to pretty in pastel, we've got four living spaces with very different (but all stylish!) schemes.

Chic spaces

Create a gorgeous living room with our fabulous finds

CUSHIONS FROM LEFT Thomaspaal "Birch" **cushion cover**, \$150, Chee Soon & Fitzgerald, Brera Lino linen **cushion** in Denim, \$235, and Rumba linen **cushion** in Celeston, \$145, Orson & Blake, Inka **cushion**, \$79.95, Country Road. Turn the page for more. →

turn the page for heaps
of great buys →

Also in the scene

Babushka **side table** in Orange, \$299 for 3-piece nest, Freedom; Paisley saddle **pouffe**, \$625, Tinker by Printink Studio; **ON SOFA** Nordic Designs "Baronessa" **cushion covers** in Green, \$95 each; Realshopping.com.au; **ON SIDE TABLE** Capture glass **vase**, \$14.95, Freedom; holding **cordifoliums**, \$15.49 for 3 stems, inB.com; Stencilled number **bottles**, \$16 each; and **pen & pencil set**, \$12, LetterboxCo; LCD **alarm clock**, \$40, Aero Designs; **ON COFFEE TABLE** Ceramic **mug**, \$45, and small **teacup**, \$36, Samantha Robinson; Green Design melamine **plate**, \$16, Terrace Outdoor Living; Escapulario charms **necklace**, \$89, Lela; Tracie Ellis "Tapas" **napkin**, \$10.95 for 6, Aura; **ON CHAIR** Organic cotton **beachtowel** with pompano, \$140, Uac+Jack; **ON LIME TABLE** Ribbon **bowl**, \$7.95, Country Road; Cuvee **tumbler**, \$19.95 for 6, Maxwell & Williams; **ON FLOOR** Macot **basket**, \$149, Country Road; No 7 jute **laptop case**, \$25, LetterboxCo; Nest Weave **rug** in Natural with tassels (1.1m x 2m), \$445, Armadillo&Co; **ON WALL** Dulux Wash & Wear 101 Advanced Low Sheen **acrylic** in Endless Dusk, \$63.90 for 4L; Bunnings. →



Gold & GREEN

Starting from \$7.95



Also in the scene:
ON SOFA FROM LEFT: Samara **cushion** in Fuchsia, \$34.95, Kas Australia. Floral, see opposite. Butterfly **cushion cover**, \$95, Ada & Darby. See Tulip **cushion cover** in White/Raspberry, \$73, Nordio Fusion. Blurred kat **scarf**, \$69.95, Country Road. **ON TABLE** FROM LEFT: Bribie **vase**, \$50, Terrace Outdoor Living, holding **peonies**. Oceanique Natural wax **candle**, \$29.95, Circa Home. Robot **ornaments**, \$35 for Dad, and \$20 for Kid, Have You Met Miss Jones. San Pellegrino **water**, \$2.99 from supermarket. **Scissors** from Spotlight. Curvy highball **glass** in Aqua, and Angulo highball **glasses** in Clear and Smokey, each \$44.95 for set of 4, Milk + Sugar. Prada **sunglasses**, \$360, Sunglass Hut. **IN TABLE** Vintage **books** from second-hand bookstore. Bittermelon **bowl**, \$79, Samantha Robinson. Blanda glass **serving bowl** (12cm), \$4.99, Ikea. **ON WALL** Ribba **picture ledge** (1.15m), \$14.99, Ikea. British Paints InColour Low Sheen Interior **acrylic** in Amanti, \$52.90 for 4L, Bunnings. **ON LEDGE** Robot Mum **ornament**, \$28, Have You Met Miss Jones. Skull **candles**, \$6 each, Filly's Stable. **ON FLOOR** Court **shoes**, \$79.99, Ezbuy.com.au. Nest Wave **rug** with binding in Charcoal (1.4m x 2m), \$445, Armadillo&Co. >



Eclectic & COLOURFUL

Starting from \$4.99



create double-duty kids rooms

Create a room for your child that grows as they do! From **baby, to toddler, to tween**, we've got lots of cool decorating ideas for girls and boys bedrooms

Cute 'n' colourful Libabub "Pip" **cot/bed**, \$1899, and \$109 for **conversion kit**. Kido Store. **Frankie ottomans** in Fitz Stripe and Sun Spots, \$149 each. Nödish. **Forma floor lamp**, \$79. Ikea. **Hepi chair** by Saarnen "Organic" **chair**, \$395. Matt Blatt. **IN COT** Patio cotton **quilt cover** in Flame, \$129 for set (this pillowcase, not shown), Menthol Tweeter cotton **pillowcase**, \$140 for cot set (includes quilt cover, not shown), and Dotty Tweeter **baby tee**, \$33, Tinker by Printink Studio. **Scapple monkey**, \$65, Papier D'Amour. **ON SHELF** FROM LEFT **Tvilling poster**, \$6.99 for set of 2, Koko. **Customised Eye Chart print**, \$25, My Sweet Prints. **Frame**, from \$20, Target. **Molecule building set**, \$104.50, Ferm Living Australia. **Fairtrade woolly owl**, \$48, Korkela. **Keep Quiet The Baby's Sleeping print**, \$20, My Sweet Prints. **Frame**, as before. **Dotty artwork**, from \$239 framed, Libabub. **Baby slippers**, \$35, Korkela. **Bright blocks**, \$40 for 6, Papier D'Amour. **ON OTTOMAN** **Bright blocks**, as before. **Box** from Molecule building set, as before. **ON LAMP** Butter Flying Cloud **mobile**, \$42.95, Kido Store. **WALL PAINT** Wabby Interior Design Ltd in Classic White, \$61 for 4L. **ON FLOOR** Nest weave hemp **rug**, \$260, Armadillo&Co. **Embroidery play rug**, \$154, Tinker by Printink Studio.

make

Doily garland
Fold brightly coloured doilies over string for a pretty wall decoration

Doilies, \$4.95 for 36 assorted colours, Riot Art & Craft.



toddler's territory

by painting the nursery in a neutral colour scheme, like our all-white palette, you get a room suitable for a girl or boy that's super-easy to update as your little one grows. It's all about changing and adding colourful accessories. For a less permanent alternative to painted baby-themed murals on the wall, frame colourful prints that can be

changed easily. The bright foam ottomans in our nursery (see left) create a lovely, soft area for mum and baby to play, and over the years extra modular pieces can be added to create a cool seating area for little kids to hang out (see above). And, if you invest in a cot that converts into a kid's bed, like our stylish Ubabub "Pod", it could save you money in the long term. →

Top for toddlers!

FROM BEFORE Pod cot/bed, chair, Eye Chart print, Dotty artwork, building set, owl, monkey, Tweezer pillowcase, ottomans, rug, mobile and wall paint. **ADDITIONS** Replica Componibili 1-round unit in White, \$125, Matt Blatt. Frankie Modular kids sofa corner, \$279, and Frankie kids sofa lounge, \$249, Noosh. **ON BED** Patio cotton quilt cover in Citrus (includes pillowcase; at right), \$129 for set, and Embroidery Flame cushion (at back), \$176, Tinker by Printink Studio. Luna Gallery patchwork blanket (made from old jumpers), \$149, Kido Store. **ON SHELF** Robot toy, \$120, Mao & More. Angus & Celeste porcelain wall tile, \$58, Koskela. **ON SOFA** Second-hand books from markets. **ON UNIT** Sara desk lamp in Orange, \$45, Aero Designs. **ON WALL** Ball lights, \$45, Papier D'Amour. Illustrative cards, \$4.95 each, Typo. **Wall tile**, as before. Animal mask, \$16, Papier D'Amour. **ON FLOOR** FROM LEFT Uncle Goose ABC block set, \$89, Kido Store. Mula abacus, \$14.99, Ikea. Guitar soft toy, \$90, Papier D'Amour.

Gorgeously girly

FROM BEFORE Bed frame, bedhead, mattress, children's table, desk, Sophie artwork, tuffet (beanbag), wall paint.

ADDITIONS Velvet ottoman (at centre), \$225, Little White Home. Ceramic Drum stool, \$296, Miso & More. Jasper W side chair, \$75, ClickOn Furniture. Bird of Paradise velvet pouffe in Pink, \$120, Ruby Star Traders. **ON BED** Stripe single cotton quilt cover, \$165; pillowcase, \$40, and bedrunner with pompoms, \$125, Little White Home. Elephant cotton quilt (1.5m x 2.2m), \$165, Ruby Star Traders. Maimakko "Unikko" cotton pillowcase in Col.1, \$82, Chee Soon & Fitzgerald. **Necklace** (on bedhead), \$30, Little White Home. **ON TABLE** Marnas & Pappas Pom Pom necklace, \$32.95; Kiddo Store. **Card**, \$4.95, Typo. **ON DESK** Brio chrome table lamp, \$50, Aero Design. Big Boss notebook, \$9.95, and paper Lucky lantern, \$19.95 for string of 10, Typo. **Sweet peas**, \$20 a bunch from markets. **ON CHAIR** Araware Bird pillow, \$85, Kiddo Store. **ON WALL** Selection of cards, \$4.95 each, and Travel Typography calendar, \$19.95, Typo. "Thank you" shipping tag, from \$1.60, The Bay Tree. **ON FLOOR** Girls embroidered basket, \$29.95, Country Road. Papyrus wicker hemp rug (1.4m x 2m), \$535, Armadillo&Co.

make

Painted bedhead

For a completely different look spray paint the bedhead in a colour that your little girl loves but also contrasts with the pink walls.

Vintage bedhead painted in White Knight Squirts spray-paint in Bermuda Blue, \$7.76 a can, Burnings.



tween
girl

tween boy

Tween zone

FROM BEFORE Bed frame, artwork, stool, wood letters, chest (see "Make"); storage system, wall paint

ADDITIONS Single locker \$120, Doug Up On Bourke; Chair floor lamp, \$940, Aero Designs. **ON WALL** Wooden coatrack, \$79, Doug Up On Bourke; Tie-dye hat \$19.95, Trellery. **ON BED** Rosenberg single cotton quilt set in sea grey, pink, teal & blue, \$129.95, Kidd Stone. **CUSHIONS** FROM LEFT \$66, "Pine", \$136, Fern Living Australia; \$49.99, Hugh Doby & Homewares; Limited-edition vintage Stag, \$74, Koekala; Long Felt Button in Grey, \$102, Fern Living Australia. **ON WINDOWSILL** Digital clock \$19.99, Tyso. **Cacti** \$2.95 each, Bunnings; Cacti pots wrapped in kraft paper from newspapers. **ON CHEST** Kaja box with lid, as before. **ON LOCKER** Retro tracksuit top from op shop. **ON STOOL** San Pellegrino drink from Mispera Grocer. **ON FLOOR** Puma "Easy Rider" trainers \$140, Square felt button cushion, \$102, Fern Living Australia; Vintage National Geographic mags from markets; Kaja box with lid (under bed) \$29.99 for set of 3, Ikea; Nest wave round hemp rug with tassels (1.0m), \$405, Armadillo&Co. →



same bed + new accessories
= different look

make

Stripy drawers

Update a plain blue chest of drawers by painting bold stripes on the drawers. Protect the wood beneath with masking paper to help apply the **Stripes**. Wally Aquatrim (each \$21.90 for 1L