

# Child's play

Creating a space for active play is easy. All you need is paint – of the magnetic, chalk and write-on varieties, that is.

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**ON THE WALL** Geometric magnet set, \$29, paperplanestore.com. Tatin archetype buildings magnetic cardboard set \$45, aucklandartgallery.com. **Le Chat print**, \$69, se3.co.nz. Wall painted in Resene Glorious; Resene White Thunder; Resene Blackboard Paint, resene.co.nz. **ON THE DESK** String shelf desk, \$985, bobandfriends.co.nz. Stack up dolls, \$22, flatoutfrankie.com. Pink heart vase, \$69, lovestar.com.au. **Headphones**, \$19.95, warehousestationery.co.nz. Toadstool lamp, \$179, perchhomewares.co.nz. **ON THE FLOOR** Striped storage bag, \$29; Oyo Mumi stripe cushion, \$99, perchhomewares.co.nz. Tassel garland, \$180, spoonfuldesign.com. Crayola washable sidewalk chalk, \$19.99, Warehouse Stationery. Canvas shoes, \$49.90, countryroad.com.au. **Floor** painted in Resene Quarter Foundry. Stool painted in Resene Glorious and Resene Renew, resene.co.nz.



**ABOVE** String shelf desk, \$985, bobandfriends.co.nz. House Doctor storage boxes, \$49 (set of 3), perchhomewares.co.nz. Assorted notebooks, from \$24.95, frankstationery.com. Black and white canister, \$22, perchhomewares.co.nz. Crayola Washable markers, \$10, warehousestationery.com. *A for Awesome* print by Papermint Studio, \$39; *Super* greeting card, \$15 (set of 3), endemicworld.com. Little Heart postcard, \$2.50, se3.co.nz. **colouring book**, \$27, aucklandartgallery.com. Wall painted in Resene Blackboard Paint, Resene White Thunder and Resene Renew, resene.co.nz.

## YOU WILL NEED

Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen, assorted colours  
Resene Blackboard Paint  
Resene Write-On-Wall Paint  
Resene Magnetic Magic

- 1. MAKE IT MAGNETIC** Magnetic paint can be used as an undercoat – and this can be applied to the whole wall. Prepare and prime your surface, then apply Resene Magnetic Magic in smooth, full coats. A minimum of two coats is required as the smoother the finish and thicker the application, the stronger the magnetic effect will be.
- 2. MAKE SPACE** Divide the wall into a grid where different activities can take place – a square for drawing with chalk, another for writing on with washable markers, and then the remaining spaces in colours of your children's choice.
- 3. CHALK IT UP** For the chalk square, apply two coats of Resene Blackboard Paint by brush, roller, or spray.
- 4. UPDATE FURNITURE** You're not restricted to the walls when adding colour. Here we've painted a stool in Resene Renew and Resene Glorious to match the space.



Resene Sakura



Resene Renew



Resene Glorious



Resene White Thunder



Resene Quarter Foundry



Resene Blackboard Paint

**Resene**  
the paint the professionals use



**ON THE WALL** Hessian pinboard, \$69, bunnings.co.nz; Bamboo flag, \$48, spoonfuldesign.com; Assorted art prints and cards, from \$15, endemicworld.com; Peg clip, \$29.90, corso.co.nz; Cross wall hook, \$36, mintsix.com; Headphones, \$19.95, warehousestationery.com; Wall painted in Resene Half Kumutoto; teepee painted in Resene Coast, resene.co.nz. **ON THE TABLE** Trestle table and metal legs, from \$320, trestleunion.co.nz; Books, from \$18, aucklandartgallery.com; Concrete Dala Horse, \$64.90, indiehomecollective.com; Marco pencil case, \$15, frankstationery.com; Cubebot, \$34, aucklandartgallery.com; Maille badger, \$59, perchhomewares.co.nz. **ON THE FLOOR** Round rug, \$220, letliv.co.nz; Slip cushion, \$120, yourewelcome.co.nz; Floor painted in Resene Spritzer; Chair painted in Resene Coast; resene.co.nz; Dartboard, stylist's own.



**ANIMAL ANTICS** Now here's a fun idea: When you're picking up your paint, get your kids to select a few Resene testpots to create their own colourful zoo at home. Paint the animals all over in one colour, leave to dry, then experiment with dipped feet, stripes or spots in contrasting colours.

**YOU WILL NEED**

- Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in assorted colours
- Resene Paint Effects Medium
- Resene Blackboard Paint
- Hessian pinboard
- Stencil
- Foam roller kit
- Plastic animals

**1. BLACKBOARD TEEPEE** Prepare and prime your wall and paint the whole thing in the colour of your choice. Mask out the triangle shape and paint with Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen, which will serve the same purpose as Resene Blackboard Paint. We also painted the floor with Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen – but be prepared for some messy playtime if you go down this route!

**2. STENCILLED PINBOARD** Hessian pinboard can be purchased from hardware stores. We used 1200mm x 1200mm for the project.

'Grey' the board with Resene Gunsmoke diluted with 30 percent Resene Paint Effects Medium mixed in as a colour wash and applied by brush. (Be careful not to lay the paint on too heavy, go lightly and add another coat if necessary).

Once dry, the board can be stencilled. We used a dart stencil purchased from cuttingedgestencils.com. Tape stencil to the board, and paint with Resene Alabaster Spacecote Low Sheen, applied with a foam roller.



Resene Alabaster



Resene Coast



Resene Spritzer



Resene Half Kumutoto



Resene Skydiver



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