

Kids' CORNER

Kids' rooms are the perfect place to get creative with colour! Brighten up a girls' room with this dotty take on colour blocking

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Tie in your accessories with a bold trio of colours

GOING SPOTTY: REPEAT PATTERNS OR MOTIFS THROUGHOUT THE ROOM

Above left Wall painted in Resene 'Smitten' and spot in Resene 'Such Fun'; Endless Summer ply wall art, \$99, from Shut The Front Door; Happy Town Oxford pillowcase set, \$39.90, from Wallace Cotton. Above right Yellow felt ball (only string showing), \$10, from Collected; pink felt bowl, \$30, from Collected; felt rug, \$225, from Tea Pea; Rutan yellow cushion, \$58, from Bolt Of Cloth; poodle, \$14, from The Warehouse; picture frame painted in Resene 'Bright Lights'; pin wheel picture in frame stylist's own.

The key to creating a coordinated room is to pick one idea and follow it through. A polka dot duvet was the starting point for this look. Its colour palette dictated the colour used on the walls and accessories. Resene 'Smitten' was the perfect fit and Resene 'Such Fun' was ideal for a jumbo paint spot behind the bed. The spotty theme is cleverly carried on in accessories such as the spot rug and round table, and even the basket and hanging light.

DECOR TRICKS

- **To make an accent colour pop**, repeat it throughout the room three times. Repeat the colour at three different heights too, on the wall, on the bed and on the floor.
- **Customise a side table** by paint-dipping the legs. Mask off the area you wish to paint, and colour away!
- **Paint a picture frame** to tie in with your theme. A frame painted in Resene 'Bright Lights' coordinates with the cushion and hanging light.
- **Paint a jumbo spot** on the wall using a nail, string, pencil and masking tape. Hammer the nail into the wall where you want the centre of the circle to be. Attach a piece of string to the nail with a radius of your choosing, ours is 30cm. Tie the other end of the string to a pencil and draw a circle with the string taut like a giant compass. Use low tack masking tape to frame the edge of the circle and fill it in with a roller. Peel off the tape when paint is dry and voilà, you will have a jumbo spot!



create a focal point with a painted circle

REPEAT COLOURS AT STRATEGIC HEIGHTS FOR A COHESIVE LOOK

Wall painted in Resene 'Smitten' and spot painted in Resene 'Such Fun'; Sleepy Boy King single bed, \$1420, from Meluka; turquoise spot felt rug, \$225, from Tea Pea; side table, \$39, from Kmart with dipped legs painted in Resene 'Such Fun'; balloon dog, \$14, from The Warehouse; pink felt bowl, \$30, from Collected; picture frame stylist's own painted in Resene 'Bright Lights'; yellow light, \$49, from Shut The Front Door; bamboo rosebud throw, \$74.95, from Bed Bath N' Table; Happy Town king single duvet cover and pillowcase, \$109.90, from Wallace Cotton; hot air balloon cushion, \$59.90, from Wallace Cotton; Clearwater king single sheet set, \$39.95, from Bed Bath N' Table; yellow Rutan cushion cover, \$58, from Bolt Of Cloth; blue woven basket, \$22, from Meluka.

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