

Imagine that

Let the kids escape into their own little worlds with the help of whimsical décor that encourages magical thinking.

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Moonlight shadow

Don't be afraid of the dark — this richly toned rainbow 'headboard' invites the soundest of sleeps.

1. The dimensions of your wall and bed will determine the size of your rainbow. Our dark inner section is 90cm wide and 70cm tall, and each stripe is 20cm wide — making our rainbow 210cm wide and 130cm tall. Scale it up or down by changing the width of each arc.

2. The rainbow incorporates vertical lines that curve upwards to form the arcs. Using a ruler and pencil, draw a horizontal line on the wall that marks the width of your rainbow and where each stripe will begin to curve. We drew ours 25cm from the floor. If your bed is taller, draw it further up the wall or your pillows may obscure the inner section of the rainbow.

3. Mark the centre of the line (the middle of the rainbow) with a tack. Attach a long piece of string to the tack, then measure and cut it so a pencil tied to the end will touch each end of the line when you hold the string taut and draw a semicircle to form the rainbow's outer arc (our string was 105cm long).

4. Shorten the string by 20cm to draw the next arc; repeat for the inner two arcs. Draw vertical lines from the horizontal line to the floor to complete each stripe.

5. Paint two arcs at a time by overlapping pieces of painter's tape to mask off the first and third stripes, then apply two coats of Resene paint with a mini roller. Once dry, remove the tape and repeat with the second and fourth sections. >

Stylist's tip

If you opt for an alternative palette for your rainbow, choose Resene colours with an overarching theme in mind — for example, all pastels, all earthy shades or ombré variations of the same base hue.



BACKDROP Wall in Resene SpaceCote Flat in Resene Fast Forward; **rainbow** in Resene SpaceCote Flat in Resene King Tide, Resene Excalibur, Resene RSVP and Resene Indian Ink; **floor** in Resene Walk-On in Resene Quarter Baltic Sea, resene.co.nz. **OPPOSITE, FROM FRONT LEFT** Emerald Velvet **cushion**, \$90, shutthefrontdoor.co.nz; Meadow **drawstring wash bag**, \$40; Felt **storage basket**, \$40, cittadesign.com. Shorty **locker** by Mustard, \$269, shutthefrontdoor.co.nz. Type 75 Mini **lamp** by Paul Smith for Anglepoise, \$490, cittadesign.com. Rainbow Glitter **globe**, \$35; **ceramic balloon decorations**, from \$96 each, littlewhimsy.co.nz. Navy Velvet **pillowcase**, \$85, Pom Pom **cushion**, \$115, and Penny Round **cushion**, \$115, by Castle, smallacorns.co.nz. Blue Denim **duvet cover**, \$245/single, threaddesign.co.nz. Eames Elephant **object** by Vitra, \$139, cittadesign.com. SK8 **hi-top shoes** by Vans, \$120, greyandwild.com. Hideout Cloud **shelf**, \$120, hideseek.co.nz. **Books** stylist's own.



Resene Fast Forward

Resene King Tide

Resene Excalibur

Resene RSVP

Resene Indian Ink

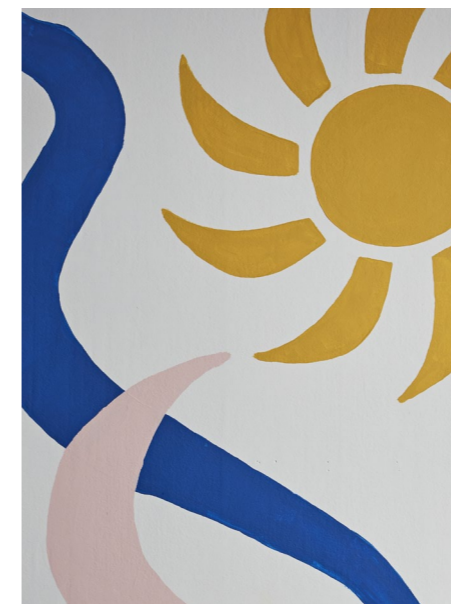
Resene Quarter Baltic Sea



Eye spy

Excite an enquiring mind with a playroom mural that features colourful hieroglyphic-like shapes.

1. Create a blank canvas for your design by painting the wall with two to three coats of a pale neutral hue. We chose Resene Half Spanish White.
2. Devise your colourful doodles by experimenting on paper with Resene testpots in bright colours. Once you've settled on your shapes, draw them to scale on large pieces of paper (or several pieces of paper taped together).
3. Cut out the shapes and arrange them on the floor. Take a photo of your ideal positioning, then use masking tape or blu tack to hang the shapes in position on the wall one by one.
4. Use a pencil to trace around the edges of each shape, then remove the paper. For an organic, freehand effect, paint over the pencil lines using a fine paintbrush and Resene testpots, then use a larger brush to carefully fill in each shape with two coats of paint.



BACKDROP Wall in Resene SpaceCote Flat in Resene Half Spanish White; **pyramid** in Resene testpot paint in Resene Jailbreak; **palm leaf** in Resene testpot paint in Resene Permanent Green; **moon** in Resene testpot paint in Resene Shilo; **snake** in Resene testpot paint in Resene Submerge; **sun** in Resene testpot paint in Resene Cleopatra; **floor** in Resene Walk-On in Resene Rebel, resene.co.nz. **OPPOSITE, FROM FRONT LEFT** Kalahari **beanbag**, \$189, dappermrbear.com. Match **linen cushion cover**, \$50, cittadesign.com. Sahara **beanbag**, \$229; **Backpack** by Kånken, \$146, dappermrbear.com. Flisat **children's table** by Ikea, \$149, akia.co.nz, stained with Resene Colorwood Cedar, resene.co.nz. **Wooden camel**, \$38, littlewhimsy.co.nz. Hideout **roller**, \$270, hideseek.co.nz. **Sandals** by Saltwater, \$85, greyandwild.com. Arnoldino **stool** by Martino Gamper, \$190, paperplanestore.com. Cairo **rug** by Armadillo & Co, from \$1450, theivyhouse.co.nz. **Wickerwork plant bucket**, \$60, shutthefrontdoor.co.nz. **Crayons** stylist's own.

