

KIDS' CORNER

Blackboard paint brings a new dimension of creativity to a child's bedroom – and it might even help them to keep things tidy!

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PAINT Main wall: Resene FX Blackboard Paint. **Storage wall:** Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene Green Spring. **Floor:** Resene Walk-on in Resene Secrets. **Pegs:** Resene Lustacryl in Resene Rivergum. **Toy box:** Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene Secrets and Resene Rivergum. **Headboard outline:** Resene Lustacryl in Resene Green Spring. **Pendant and chair:** Resene Lustacryl in Resene Paddock. **Nightstand:** Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene Rivergum (drawers) and Resene Paddock. **CREDITS** Lilo muslin star **mini cushion**, \$38, Lieewood Allan cat **backpack** in mustard, \$98, Windslow **bunny doll**, \$59, Muskhane France felt **garland** in natural, \$45, Garbo & Friends floral moss **pillowcase**, \$46, Garbo & Friends rosemary muslin **pillowcase**, \$47, Muskhane France **wall pocket**, \$19, *Little People, Big Dreams: Jane Austen* **book**, \$22.99, *Wish* **book**, \$24.99, Muskhane France **mushroom** in olive, \$28, and **mushroom** in dotted olive, \$20, from Little Whimsy. Small jute **rug**, \$15, from Spotlight. Dahlia round **cushion**, \$12, large round jute **rug**, \$49, from Kmart. Pinstripe euro **pillowcase** in pepper/chalk, \$44.90, Pinstripe linen double **duvet cover** in pepper/chalk, \$269, Ray the **hedgehog**, \$39.90, from Citta. Home Republic Malmo linen **cushion** in spice, \$74.99, linen **throw**, \$139.99, from Adairs. Kiwi **pillowcase**, \$39, fantail **book bag**, \$10, from Henry and Co. Other items stylist's own.

Blackboard paint can add a creative element to a kid's bedroom, whether it's a full wall or just a portion. It also makes a great background for accent colours. Here we've teamed muted greens with a burst of rust to create a fun and whimsical space with lots of room for kids to let loose with a pack of chalks whenever inspiration strikes.

USE YOUR HEAD

This 'headboard' is made from 3 pieces of pine – 2 long and 1 short for the top. Apply 2 coats of Resene Lustacryl paint to the pine then screw them into the wall to create a simple yet effective headboard frame. Adding a cute garland and the name of your child is an easy way to personalise the space, but the beauty of the blackboard wall is that there's no limit to what you and your child can do with your chalks – and starting afresh is as simple as a quick swipe with a duster.

KEEP IT TIDY

The left-hand wall is designated for storage. We painted the lower half (up to 1.7m from the floor) in Resene Green Spring and the top in Resene FX Blackboard Paint. Use painter's tape to get a clean line. The toy box lid is painted in Resene Secrets and the base in Resene Rivergum. While it's not blackboard paint, you can write on Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen paint with chalk, as we've done on the toy box.



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