

KIDS' CORNER

A tiger may not be able to change its stripes, but a bedroom can change its colours – and gain a DIY bookshelf for some wild style

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PAINTED IN
RESENE 'PALM
GREEN'



If you're looking for a child's bedroom scheme that's neither too young or too grown-up, take inspiration from this punchy, tiger-themed room. A bookshelf that also doubles as a headboard takes centre stage, adding personality as well as a practical place to store and showcase favourite items. If you have the room, add a chair and stool to create a reading area, and finish with some faux or real greenery to bring this jungle-style space alive.

ART ATTACK

To create this simple 'Welcome to my jungle' artwork, paint a round art canvas in Resene 'Quarter Sisal'. While it dries, hand-cut letters from a sheet of contact adhesive or print out your chosen message, trace the letters onto the adhesive and cut out. Peel off the backing and stick letters onto canvas, smoothing down the edges so no paint will bleed underneath. Coat entire canvas in a paint colour of your choice – we used Resene 'Noosa'. Dry overnight then peel off the letters.

Wall painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in 'Palm Green', bedhead-cum-bookshelf painted in Resene Lustacryl in 'Noosa', bedside lamp painted in Resene Lustacryl in 'Nero', all from Resene ColorShops. King single duvet cover, \$169, green euro pillowcase, \$35, ochre pillowcase, \$55 a pair, all from Foxtrot Home. Home Republic Omaha pom pom throw, \$139.99, from Adairs. Side drawer (painted in Resene Lustacryl in 'Quarter Sisal'), \$35, from Kmart. Brass tiger, \$129.99, from Nood. Rectangular tiger cushion cover, \$12.99, square tiger cushion cover, \$12.99, raffia cushion cover (on floor), \$29.99, all from H&M Home. Bamboo pendant light (painted in Resene Lustacryl in 'Quarter Sisal'), \$99.80, from Bed Bath & Beyond. Animal postcard set, \$39.99, from Father Rabbit. *How to Be a Lion* by Ed Vere, \$17.99, Maileg mini lion and gorilla soft toys (on shelf), \$53 each, Felix the tiger animal head (on wall), \$145, lion paperweight, \$69.95 (on shelf), all from Little Whimsy. Chisum planter, \$59.95, Rogue faux palm, \$179, Albion floor runner, \$129, Rogue hanging fern, \$69.95, all from Freedom. Clement tan chair, \$1070, and Marlboro leather stool, \$335, both from Williams Road. Plastic animals, \$12 for 8, round art canvas, \$10, both from Look Sharp. Malmo Scandia flooring in Aarhus, from Carpet Court. Other items stylist's own.

SHELF SAFARI

This DIY bookshelf-cum-headboard provides a great focal point for a bedroom, as well as being a fun and functional way to keep books or a glass of water handy. Ours is 2.2m wide by 1.8m tall with 6.5cm-deep shelves. Look for an online tutorial to make your own or find a secondhand bookshelf for an upcycling project.



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