

KIDS' CORNER

This shared girls' bedroom with painted 'house' headboards combines dusky pink and elephant grey to gorgeous effect

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"Painting the wall and floor the same pale shade makes the girls' room look bigger. A metal dolls' house, chair and crocheted rug all tie in with the simple colour scheme"

Over the past few years we have seen the move away from bright colours to a more subdued colour palette in kids' rooms. Muted colours are easy to live with so this trend is likely to stick around for a while.

This cute girls' shared room features a simple painted design using just two key colours: soft grey and dusky pink. This stunning combo radiates a lovely softness and calmness, making it the perfect place for little ones to rest and play. Also, painting the floor and walls in the same pale shade makes the space seem bigger – another plus for a shared space.

The 'house' bedheads are a fun idea and can be easily painted over when the girls want a change. A shared bedside cabinet between the beds gives easy access for both children. The quilts are the same design but in different colours, allowing individuality but still keeping the look cohesive (you could also use different bedlinen but in tonal colours).



PAINTED 'HEADBOARDS'

> **Kids' headboards can be expensive**, especially when you need two for a shared room. Here we painted a house shape behind each bed as mock headboards. We painted the wall and floor in Resene 'Cest La Vie'. Using painter's masking tape, we then masked off the headboard (which is 1.2m wide x 1.2m high, with 90cm sides) and painted it in two coats of Resene 'Jumbo'. Carefully remove the tape and you have the perfect little home-bed!

STAR WANDS & BOXES

> **Spend an afternoon** making some cute fairy wands as decorations. These papier-mâché star wands from Spotlight are, \$2.09 each and look great painted. We used Resene testpots in 'Cest La Vie' and 'Jumbo' to match the room and added ribbons and wool.

> **Kids always need** storage and these cute papier-mâché boxes (\$16.99 a pair from Spotlight) are great for small items, hair bobbles etc. They were painted using the same testpots as for the wands.

Walls painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen 'Cest La Vie'; floor painted in Resene Walk-on 'Cest La Vie'; headboard and chair painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen 'Jumbo'; Bentwood chair, \$30, from Junk & Disorderly; Twinkles ballerina doll (on chair), \$59, Madras 'Peach Blush' cushion (with face), \$67, velvet rose quartz cushion, \$89.90, and House Doctor drawers, \$1799, all from Allium; Bella Casa grey metal dolls' house, \$299, from covetdesign.co.nz; Ellis pom pom throw, \$59.99, from EziBuy; pink and grey linen quilts, \$580 each, from Thread Design; grey Pegboard pillowcase, \$39, from Henry and Co; Miniroom star cushion, \$22, Fabels unicorn head, \$65, and bunny head, \$105, all from Little Whimsy; Heirloom doll (on bed), \$95, from claireleblonddesign.com; Sukie pillowcase (with stars), \$21.90, from Country Road; 'Miss Vivienne' print by Mrs Mighetto, \$89, from popmotif.co.nz; copper box (on bed), \$17, from se3.co.nz; Living & Co crochet rug, \$29, both from The Warehouse; Heidi Swapp star marquee light, \$20, star cardboard boxes painted in Resene 'Jumbo' and Resene 'Cest La Vie' testpots, \$16.99 for two, silver cord (on chair), \$2, and star wands, \$2.09 each, all from Spotlight; white bottle, \$3, from Look Sharp; HDC Cutie crochet bowl, \$10, from s19.bigcartel.com. Windmill (on bed), stylist's own.



BENTWOOD CHAIR

> This old bentwood chair had seen better days, but with a coat of Resene 'Jumbo' it has been totally transformed. To make it a little special and tie in with the metallic silver details in the room, a piece of silver cord was wrapped around the top of the chair and the end tucked underneath. A felt cushion pad (not shown in photograph) was added for comfort.

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