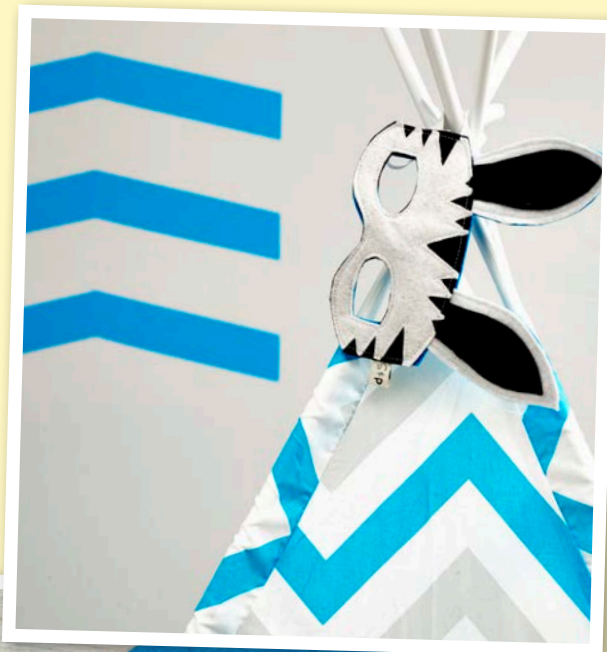


Kids' CORNER

Cover all the bases in a playroom with an art area, a fun hangout and plenty of room to stretch out on the floor

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PAINT PLAIN WOODEN BLOCKS AND TRAYS TO MATCH YOUR COLOUR THEME

When creating a playroom ensure the space offers your little ones a place to play or hang out, a place to draw or do homework and a place to store things.

Kids love playing on the floor so if you have wooden floors a rug is a must. A tepee is a great place to hang out with little buddies, play hide and seek or chill out with a book while lounging on some cushions.

Clever storage is key. There are many options available such as boxes on castor wheels, plastic storage crates and cube shelving. A paper bag-style sack is a fun way to store everything from books to soft toys.

ONE DIRECTION

To create an arrow paint effect, decide where you want it to be and adhere a 1m-long piece of painter's masking tape to one side of the wall. This will be the starting point for the design.

Measure out the pattern on the wall with a pencil. Measure a 60cm horizontal line at the top of the 1m-piece of tape, using the tape as the left-hand starting point. Measure and mark the 30cm point of this line. To create the peak, measure and mark a perpendicular 10cm line at the 30cm point. Draw a line from each edge of the 60cm line up to the 10cm point. We drew 6 arrows 60cm in length and 8cm thick with a 10cm gap between each one. Use masking tape to outline the pattern and run a finger along each edge to ensure the tape is stuck down. Fill in the pattern with a paint brush. We used Resene 'Curious Blue'.

When the paint is dry, peel off the masking tape to reveal a simple yet effective pattern!

Top left Wall in Resene 'Triple Concrete' and arrow in Resene 'Curious Blue'; tepee, \$69.95, from Spotlight; felt mask, \$29, from Collected.
Bottom left Blue hide rug, \$650, from Collected; plastic dinosaurs, \$6.50 each, from Seedling; wooden box, \$14.99, from Briscoes, painted in Resene 'Half Tuna'; wooden blocks, \$10, from The Warehouse, painted in Resene 'Picton Blue' and Resene 'Half Tuna'.
Opposite Wall in Resene 'Triple Concrete' and arrow in Resene 'Curious Blue'; wooden box, \$14.99, from Briscoes, painted in Resene 'Half Tuna'; wooden blocks, \$10, from The Warehouse, painted in Resene 'Picton Blue'; grey cushion in tepee, stylist's own; round velvet cushion, \$109, from Small Acorns; Replica Eames circular kid's table, \$150, and Replica Eames DSW kid's chair, \$68, from J&S Interiors; tepee, \$69.95, from Spotlight; felt mask, \$29, from Collected; blue hide rug, \$650, from Collected; plastic dinosaurs, \$6.50 each, wooden boat, \$11.50, blue bouncy ball, \$3.50, and wooden dinosaur toy, \$11.50, all from Seedling; wooden cube robot, \$24, from Collected; pencil sharpener desk tidy, \$44, from Collected; Speckle Farm pencils, \$2.75 each, from Chatterbox; Stuff storage bag, \$15, from Se3; pirate toy, \$44, from Shut the Front Door; books stylist's own.



Paint an arrow decal in a colour to match your decor

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