

# KIDS' CORNER

Bring the outside in and embrace the wild in this adventurous, jungle-themed bedroom fit for any wee king or queen of the wilderness

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**K**ids will love this modern 'jungle' bedroom with its bright, vibrant stripes and mix of patterns. Although a typical jungle scene would involve a great deal of green, we've reinterpreted the theme more loosely, using a deep, dark blue (Resene 'Bunting') to suggest the shadows and wells of darkness found on the forest floor, far below the tree canopy. This is offset by a tiger stripe of orange (Resene 'Hi Jinx') and a block of swimming-hole aqua (Resene 'Keppel').

This room would lend itself to both girls and boys and suit any child from a toddler up to a 10-year-old. What makes the scheme so appealing and fun is the use of different patterns – from the geometric paint effects on the wall and pinboard to the stripes, blobs and leaves on the bedding. All the accessories tie into the colour scheme with living greenery adding touches of tropical lushness (encourage your child to take on the role of caring for their plants). And don't forget to layer the bed with both pillows and cushions so he or she has a place to chill out and read.

*"Turn the task of selecting a suitable plant or two into an adventure by letting your child pick out some cool plants and pots at the garden centre."*



## BASKET PROJECT

- > **Storage is king** in a kid's room and baskets are a great and inexpensive option for storing soft toys, dolls, blocks, Lego and small books.
- > **To tie in** with the colour scheme, we gave a simple seagrass basket a mini makeover by painting the lower half in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen 'Keppel'. To further link it in, we made a couple of wool tassels in orange and navy and tied them to the handles.

## CORKBOARD PROJECT

- > **If you are looking** for somewhere to display your child's art, certificates, birthday invites and photos, a corkboard is the answer. We made ours decorative as well as functional by giving it a quick paint job in two of our three feature colours (Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen 'Keppel' and Resene 'Bunting'). Use painter's tape to mask out your design and paint away.

**Walls** painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen 'Bunting' (blue), Resene 'Hi Jinx' (orange) and Resene 'Keppel' (aqua) from Resene ColorShops and resellers. Seagrass **basket**, \$14, from Kmart; Le Edit striped **blanket**, \$110, from Tea Pea; **corkboard**, \$15.99, from Warehouse Stationery; animal greeting **cards**, \$6.99 each, from Allium; **net**, \$2, from 2 Cheap; fake monstera **plant**, \$35, from Kmart; soft **toys**, stylist's own; **tassels**, made by stylist.

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## PAINT FEATURE

> Paint the walls in Resene 'Bunting'. Once dry, mask the edges of your first stripe using painter's masking tape (our stripes run the length of one wall). The aqua stripe (Resene 'Keppel') starts at 1.5m off the floor and is 40cm high. The orange stripe (Resene 'Hi Jinx') is 20cm high. Paint one stripe at a time, wait for it to dry, then mask off and paint the second stripe. All paint is Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen.



Orange linen Eadie **cushion**, \$159, Vermore seagreen **cushion**, \$129, striped **stool** (used as bedside table), \$495, all from Republic Home; blue **pillowcase** and **duvet cover**, \$25 for set, seagrass **basket**, \$14, fake monstera **plant**, \$35, all from kmart; Crossing the Jungle Tiger **pillowcase**, \$38, and Woodland Dash **fitted sheet**, \$85 single, both from Burrow and Be; throw **blanket** (with pom poms), \$59.95, from Cotton On Kids; ply **lion**, \$4.99, and **corkboard**, \$15.99, both from Warehouse Stationery; Petite **desk** in aqua, \$99, and Panama **latte cup** (pens not included), \$6.95, both from Freedom; **net**, \$2 from 2 Cheap; A3 Evie Kemp lion art **print**, \$49, from Tea Pea; dinosaur **planter**, \$45, with sisal **plant**, \$20.70, and animal **greeting cards**, \$6.99 each, all from Allium. All other items, stylist's own.