

# Kids AT HEART

Full of style and sentiment, these three West Coast bedrooms are *almost* as special as the kiddos who inspired them.

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BEDROOM 1

# TIMELESS NAUTICAL

Chevron wallpaper in blue and white is paired with coastal accessories to turn Liam Hibbs's cubby-filled room into a breezy kid's space.

OFF THE WALL

Once the blue and white chevron-patterned wallcovering went up in the Fort Langley, B.C., bedroom of lifestyle blogger Monika Hibbs's six-year-old son, Liam, a nautical theme quickly emerged. "Yet the wallpaper's design can work with any decor," says Monika. "So as Liam grows and the room changes, the wall treatment won't need to be changed." Providing a focal point over the dresser, a gallery of art and memorabilia (including Liam's own hat) introduces colour and personality.

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BENCH

A comfy custom cushion, ship-style light and painted paddles make the window seat a stylish cozy spot. Monika made the most of the adjacent awkward nook by fitting it with shelves



for displaying a few of Liam's favourite things, such as the globe and the model sailboat. The wicker chest below holds toys and more books.

Behr Ultra Pure White PR-W15 **WALL & TRIM PAINT**, The Home Depot; **WALL-PAPER**, SCNCE, Serena & Lily; **HEAD-BOARD**, Pier 1 Imports; **DRESSER**, IKEA; **NIGHTSTAND** (customized), **TABLE LAMP**, **HAMPER**, wicker **TOY CHEST**, HomeSense; **PENDANT LIGHT**, Overstock.com; custom **ROMAN SHADE & BEDSKIRT**, Q. Design; **FLOORING**, Divine Flooring; **RUG, BEDDING**, Ballard Designs; **PRINTS** (over dresser and bed), Minted; custom **SEAT CUSHION**, Stephanie Jean Design; robot **ALARM CLOCK**, The Cross Decor & Design; **PULL** (on nightstand), Anthropologie.

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**BEACH EFFECT** Rather than introducing additional colours, Monika augmented the room's palette with natural materials, including the seagrass rope-clad headboard and airy woven pendant light, as well as the wooden nightstand and picture frame. Their warm tones do to the room's blue accents what the sand does to the ocean – make them look even more blue.

## COLOUR ADVICE

"CHOOSE A STATEMENT HUE AND THEN BUILD UP INTEREST BY ADDING TEXTURE INSTEAD OF MORE COLOURS."



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# SWEET SAFARI

Inspired by a yellow and white baby blanket, a space filled with wild animals becomes a sunny place for Leo Pasutto to grow.

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**ROOM TO GROW** Designer and TV personality Jillian Harris opted for a dresser in lieu of a change table in son Leo Pasutto's room in their Kelowna, B.C., home. "The drawers keep all the baby stuff out of the way. In time, the pad can be removed, and I can fill the dresser with big-kid clothes," she says (now that Leo is two years old, this idea is coming to fruition). Floating shelves and baskets make cleanup super simple, as does the rocker's removable white slipcover.

**HELLO, YELLOW** "There was no yellow in the nursery at first. Then a friend gave me a little handmade throw decorated with hearts of gold," Jillian recalls fondly. "That's where the colour theme began." Saffron-toned drapery and other sunny accents introduce the inspired accent hue to the otherwise grey-scale space.



**UP AND AWAY** Tidiness is top of mind for this designer mom. A leaning ladder is a sweet way to store extra blankets, which support the space's tonal and pattern themes, of course.

Simply White OC-117 **WAINSCOTTING & TRIM PAINT**, Benjamin Moore; dot **WALL DECALS**, UrbanWalls; **CRIB, STOOL**, Pottery Barn; **ROCKER, DRESSER** (with custom cushion), **LADDER**, Wayfair.ca; **POUFFE**, solid and polka-dot **BLANKETS** (on ladder), yellow **TOSS CUSHION**, HomeSense; **PENDANT LIGHT**, Lulu and Georgia; **PRINT**, Minted; **FLOATING SHELVES**, IKEA; lion **WALL HANGING**, Anthropologie; stuffed **GIRAFFE**, Melissa & Doug.

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**PLAYFUL MENAGERIE** Whimsy, not sobriety, is at the heart of this design. The decor includes a faux zebra rug (a gift from Leo's grandma) and a charming tiger wall hanging. As though watching over little Leo, a lovable oversized giraffe sits by the crib, while a lineup of lions in keeping with the room's sunshiny scheme runs along one of the shelves. "There's always an animal pal within reach," says Jillian.



## COLOUR ADVICE

"SINCE YOU PROBABLY WON'T USE THE NURSERY UNTIL YOUR BABY IS ABOUT THREE MONTHS OLD, TAKE YOUR TIME, ADDING IN THE COLOUR WHEN IT FEELS RIGHT."



>>>>>>>>>> **BEDROOM 3** >>>>>>>>>>

# PAINTERLY PINK

Lillya Hibbs's nursery-turned-bedroom is defined by diaphanous watercolour brush strokes and dreamy rose tones.

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**WHISPER SOFT** In collaboration with Anewall, masterful mama Monika Hibbs designed this wallpaper specifically for her three-year-old daughter, Lillya, before she was born. "This room will always have a special place in my heart," says Monika of the space that began as a nursery. The wallcovering features oversized blooms in watery pink and peach brush strokes. Super soft cotton bedding nods to the gentle pastel palette.

**FOREVER FURNITURE** When it was time to part with the crib and nursing chair, Monika was at a crossroads. “You can go one of two ways with kids’ furniture: inexpensive because they’ll outgrow it, or investment pieces that will last for decades,” she says. “I’m open to both. In this case, I chose the latter.” The tailored white



nightstand and caned bed frame will look as good when little Lillya is 15 as they do today. Even the warm brass hardware is timeless.

Behr Ultra Pure White, PR-W15 **WAINSCOT-  
TING & TRIM PAINT**, The Home Depot;  
custom **WALLPAPER**, Anewall; **BED  
FRAME, NIGHTSTAND, TABLE LAMP,  
BEDDING**, Serena & Lily; **SIDECHAIR**, The  
Cross Decor & Design; **SIDE TABLE, RUG**,  
Joss & Main; custom **DRAPERY**, Q. Design;  
**FLOORING**, Divine Flooring; **PICTURE  
LEDGE** (holding books), IKEA; belly **BAS-  
KET**, Folk Fortune; Darling **PRINT**, Sugar  
Paper; **L HOOK**, Anthropologie.

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**STORYTIME** A lacy wicker chair and a sleek picture ledge loaded with favourite books create a reading nook in one corner. But before these elements came the chic drapery (trimmed in pink ribbon to reference the floral wallpaper and pretty rug). “I like to hang window coverings before bringing in furnishings,” says Monika. “Drapery adds a cozy vibe, so you don’t need a lot of furniture to make a room feel inviting.”

