



Light Years Floor Lamp With Green Stripe Shade, \$49 and \$29, landofnod.com; **Hootie & the Gang Canvas Print**, \$100 for 18x24, moderndose.com; **Whistle & Wink Night Owl Nursery Baby Bundle and Crib Quilt**, \$399 and \$199, whistleandwink.com; **MasonGray Savannah Crib**, \$1,250, masongrayco.com; **Mythic Paint Interior Eggshell in Dumbo's Ears from the David Bromstad Color Collection #2 - Kid's Room Edition**, \$51 per gallon, mythicpaint.com; **Harmony Rug in Indigo**, \$80, target.com



Do the kid's room right

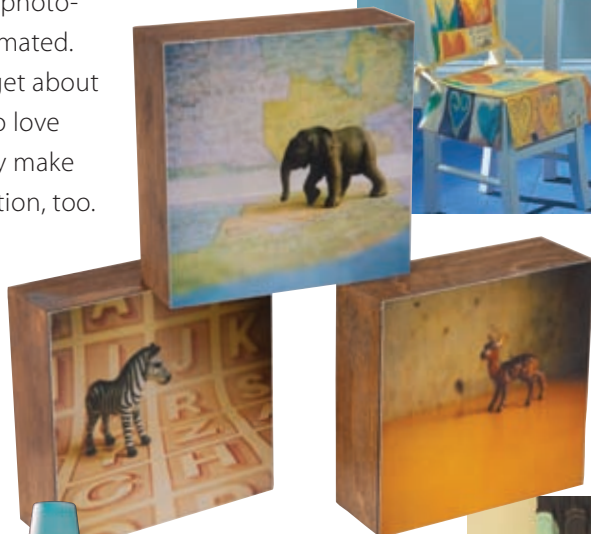
Whether you prefer to stay neutral or you're going all-out girl or boy, HGTV design expert **Krista Watterworth** will help you create a cool space for your little one

Krista says:
All kids love animals,
which makes them a great
gender-neutral theme.

And kids respond well to contrasting colors, like the ones found in most animal-inspired prints. There are more options than you imagine—rainforest, jungle, farm, ocean, and domestic animals—the list is nearly endless. Wall decals can be photo-realistic or animated. And don't forget about bugs! Kids also love them and they make for fun inspiration, too.



**Brewster Wallcoverings ZooWallogy
Ozzie the Lion and Palm Tree WallPops,**
\$43 each, usawallpaper.com



**"The Little Zoo" Series
by Elizabeth Soule 6x6x2
Mounted Prints, \$60 each,**
fawnandforest.com



**OXO Glow Lights, \$40 for
a set of 2, OXO Glow
Tops in Orange and Blue,**
\$3 each, landofnod.com



**Marnie Rocks
Elephant Crib
Bedding, \$295,**
marnierocks.com



**Carter's Tall Tales 4-Piece Crib
Bedding Set and Various Accessories,**
\$170 for bedding, toysrus.com

Must-Haves  Nursery



Oeuf Robin Crib and Toddler Bed Conversion Kit, \$565 and \$145, giggle.com



Lights Up Devo Table Lamp with Oval Base in Carrot, \$92, designpublic.com

Krista says:

Everybody likes trees! Materials inspired by nature are a fabulous solution when you want a neutral inspiration.

The basic color scheme can be earth tones—sage, cream, and tan—then add pops of bright orange in accessories like lights, rugs, or curtains. Natural materials like baskets can be swapped out later and used in adult spaces. So can paper lanterns, bamboo shades, a sea grass rug, or a rattan chair.



Cubino Loveseat in Brown/Green, \$139, montedesign.net



Mod Mom Furniture Owyn Toy Box, \$495, designpublic.com



Petunia Pickle Bottom Fawn 5-Piece Crib Set in Botanica Roll, \$290, laylagrace.com

Krista says:
Simple is better when it comes to themes!

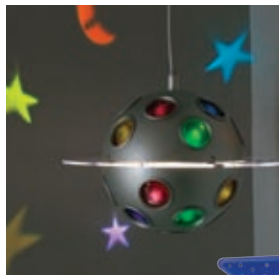
Avoid patterns that may grate on you later. Instead, think larger and three-dimensional. For boys, choose one big airplane decal (leave out the clouds), fun aviation bedding, or a collection of spacecraft models hung from the ceiling. Apply a theme without overwhelming the space—and the brain! In a girls' room, instead of wallpapering the entire room with a bold pattern, use a lighter, quieter counterpart on one accent wall. It will have a more-lasting appeal.



Vitaminer Bil Duvet Cover and Pillowcases, \$15, ikea.com



Bratt Decor Dick Crib in Red, \$690, brattdecor.com



Blimp Pendant Lamp, \$30, ikea.com



Smila Stjärna Wall Lamp, \$10, ikea.com



Boodalee Space Collection Twin Duvet and Sheet Set, \$190, boodalee.com

A big kid bed!

Going from crib to bed is such a milestone! But the excitement of growing bigger also means letting go, which can be tough for a kid. Add a new home or sibling and there's a lot of adjustment going on. Here's how you can help, from Carolyn Gatzke, a parent coach in Long Beach, CA, and the co-founder of EngageEnvironments, which designs bedding to promote sleep.

1 Make your little one aware of what's going to happen: "You're growing so quickly, it's time for a bigger bed. We're going to make your new space just right."

2 If a baby is expected, don't equate the change with the sibling. Set up the new bed and take the crib down. Don't put the crib back up until the baby needs it.

3 Let your child feel pride in the design and organization of his new room. Talk about his favorite things and the colors he loves to set the stage for the final choices (but no need to show him paint chips).

4 Keep the background neutral and flexible—let her current interests dictate accessories. A love of Dora the Explorer will be over soon enough, and completely redecorating with her changing interests isn't practical.

5 Expect that your toddler will enjoy being able to get out of bed. You can't make him sleep, but you can require that he stay in his room. Tell him "our day together is over" and that it's time for bed.

6 If necessary, use a baby gate to ensure she stays in her space. Sleep will come, but it may not be in the big-girl bed. When she nods off, pick her up, tuck her in, and marvel at how fast the time goes.

**Carter's Elephant
Stitch 4-Piece
Crib Bedding Set
and Accessories**
\$170 for bedding,
jcpenney.com



Krista says:

“Wood, not white, is a good rule of thumb, even for girls.”

Many companies, like Pottery Barn and IKEA (see the crib on this page) offer wonderful wood finishes. No need to purchase from their “kid” lines! I recently used an IKEA wardrobe in a birchwood finish for a child’s room, and dressed it up with a removable tree decal in white. Buy it cheap and make it chic! 



**Offi MyPetLamp
Siamese in Hot Pink,**
\$59 designpublic.com



**Leksvik Crib
(converts to
toddler bed),**
\$159, ikea.com



**Walden Wardrobe in Stained
Chocolate** \$899, landofnod.com



**EngageEnvironments
3-Piece Bedding
Set in Hopscotch,**
\$650, csnbaby.com

**Whistle & Wink
Tufted Nursery Baby
Bundle and Crib Quilt,**
\$399 and \$199,
whistleandwink.com



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