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As children dream of fairy tales, super heroes and soccer stars, for parents, the challenge is to make a child live his/her dream. And the place to bring this to life is their room, which can be inspired by your child's favourite character. With a host of themed-furniture and home accents available today, it's as much fun to decorate such rooms, as they are to live in.

FAB FURNITURE

Kids use furniture in their rooms primarily to play and to study. They treat their rooms like their kingdoms, and hence, value the

write on, decorative wall hooks to hang accessories, and a quirky bookshelf.

COLOUR SPLASH

When it comes to designing a kid's room, the role of colour cannot be



overstated. The right colour palette has the ability to energise a room and fill it with playful, positive vibes. Colour is a key ingredient in designing happy and comforting spaces. Pick bright, vibrant colours such as fire engine red, neon pink, orange, yellow or fluorescent green

to channel your child's inner creativity. These colours work especially well for play areas. For bedrooms, look for soothing hues that have a calming, restorative effect such as light blue, pale green, warm pink or yellow. Lavender works well too.

FURNISH IT RIGHT

Pick materials that are easy to maintain and aesthetically pleasing. "Olefinic cotton is a good choice. Use textures that do not cause irritation to the skin. For ex-



SPOTLIGHT

DREAM A LITTLE DREAM

Transform your child's room from a dull space into a wonderland

ample, people often use roughly textured headboards for their kids' beds, which don't work well with their soft skin," says Ashish Dhingra, founder, Obsessions. Choose resin over ceramics and washable cotton bedding and rugs over fancy dry-clean-only furnishings. "Cotton works best as a base to avoid allergies and al-

low frequent washing. Synthetics should be avoided as they gather dust very quickly," points out Dhingra.

WATCH IT

While choosing furniture, avoid items that are finished with substances that might be harmful. "Furniture without laminated

surfaces isn't going to last through the intensive wear and tear of your children's scribbling and rough handling. So, it is important to choose either painted and polyurethane-coated furniture or a raw wooden finish with a top polish," advises Rehana Nazki, owner, L'Chateau. Quality is important too. It's worth in-



vesting in products that come with a stamp of quality and an assurance of safety. The furniture should be made from strong materials and should not have sharp edges that can harm children.

DREAM A THEME

Sky is the limit for those who want to explore themed rooms, but as a ready reckoner, here are some quirky ideas to match the colourful fantasies of children:

Lego world

Kids love to play with Lego blocks and what can be better than a wall devoted to a Lego board where the little ones can dream up new structures all the time. The

themed design, add art creature puppets or glow stickers.

Welcome to the jungle

To transport your kid to the wild side of nature, explore the jungle-themed décor. From The Lion King to George of the Jungle, there are unpeopled

sources of inspiration. Begin by painting the bedroom walls in a colour that is reminiscent of a jungle at sunset, or paint the walls in a beige hue and add a themed decal border to it. Bed linen in earthy tones such as green and brown and featuring leaves or animal motifs will set the tone of the room. For a truly savannah effect, use themed accents like soft toys, utility bin, bookends and so on.

Artist's den

For the creative child, it is important to find a way to integrate art into your home. An art table with a drawing board and built-in paper roll will encourage the little scribbles to indulge in doodles. Attach a cable to the window to not only display the artwork, but also to use as a drying area for paintings. Rooms with more wall space than floor area can be used efficiently to frame easy-to-wipe wood laminate walls. The room can be accentuated with fresh stripes and pop prints through furniture or sewing.

Prairie fresh

What better than a palette of green, pink and lavender to give your child's room a sense of elegance and style. Bring the room to life by incorporating delicate motifs like flowers, butterflies and dragonflies, along with fun colours. Comforters and pillows in solid hues contribute to brightening up a room. Balance the burst of colours with toned-down walls in pastel shades for a calming effect.



Lego theme can organise and simplify the design of your kid's room, allowing them to understand and appreciate the need for tidiness.

Soaring adventure

Lodge your little captain in a nautical room where he or she can sail into dreamland. You can get your child to revel in seaside adventures or bring to life some of the legends of the undersea, complete with a gracefully-shaped headboard and a transportable bed. To further complement the marine-

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items within it. Therefore, it is important to know what your child wants. "As children grow, their tastes, preferences, needs, and attitudes evolve," says interior designer Chhavi Agarwal. While choosing furniture, there are many factors to consider such as size, sturdiness, and functionality. The basic pieces include wardrobe, bed, storage for toys, and working/study table. Along with these you could have seating, accessories like mirror, pin-up boards to display your child's artwork, chalk board to