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One of the challenges of creating nurseries is the reality that children won't be in coats for long, and it can feel like a lot of investment for a few short years. This space, designed by K&D Interiors, offers a solution. Lending off the main bedroom, it has storage cupboards on three sides and, once the baby is in their own room, this space can make an ideal dressing room. I love how this custom wallpaper from Band Decorative Arts transforms this room from plain to fun and the ceiling is also wallpapered to add to the festive feel," says creative director Heralda van Soestbergen.

## Top tips on designing a child's bedroom

**Kiri Kemp, creative director of Kiri Kemp Design Studio, shares her advice**

- Begin with a sense of fun and imagination. These spaces should invite adventure by day and feel magical by night, ready for storytelling, deepens and even the occasional midnight feast, yet they must also stand the test of time.
- Beautiful textiles and details are key: they bring joy without feeling babyish and can grow with the child.
- I love spaces that evolve naturally. Added to over time, with fabrics, furniture and artwork, they can be layered and refreshed rather than replaced. These pieces gather stories and memories, becoming keepakes to cherish and pass down.
- A child's room should be multifunctional. A place to play, read and dream, but equally somewhere to soothe, relax and feel safe.
- Bunk beds are an excellent choice, especially when space is limited. They offer an extra bed for friends, provide storage or play space below and can be reimaged later as a study area.
- Colour and pattern are a constant source of joy and stimulation for little imaginations. I love mixing stripes, checks and playful prints that spark creativity and give a room personality.

● My Weekend Collection with Chelsea Textiles captures this spirit perfectly. It was inspired by the outdoor world of garden sheds, fountains, bees and multicoloured toadstools and is full of charming details waiting to be discovered.

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