

Cool Kid's Spaces *with Shay*

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WHAT MAKES A COOL KID'S SPACE?

1. Make a Designated area to play, create & imagine: This Broadway inspired stage sets the scene for this game room where the kids can dance, sing & play for endless hours of fun. The marquee adds a unique personalized element to make the kiddos feel extra special.
2. Create a Workspace: Create an area for homework & studying - The rectangular pub table, made of distressed & reclaimed wood, and 4 chairs makes the perfect surface for projects & snack breaks during studies.



3. Don't forget Storage & Organization: Toys, games, books & costumes all need a home! We painted the baskets in this stair step designed storage unit to match the colors in our palette - aqua & cherry!

4. Make room for Seating: With a cool kid's space, your home will undoubtedly be the favorite neighborhood hangout. So, you need to make sure to have ample seating. We used a sectional along with a coffee table that hides 2 ottomans; they can be easily pulled out for extra seating. The coffee table also offers shelving to house all of the board games.



5. Make it personal: We selected playful family photos & had them enlarged in black & white onto gallery wrapped canvases arranged as a collage in sizes ranging from 8x10 to 16x20 to help personalize the space.

6. Make it durable: White flooring in a kid's space is not the most functional option. We chose a patterned Berber in a rich almond color to help hide dirt & stains. The carpeting adds depth to the room & provides stability for a high traffic area.



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Let your imagination run wild! Make it colorful, make it personal & make it functional! But most of all, when designing for your kiddos, **make it COOL!**