

# Home Ideas

## Create A Kids Room That Inspires Learning And Creativity

(NAPSA)—As the cold weather approaches, kids spend less time outdoors burning off all that wonderful energy. The change in weather also means that everyone—including you—spends more time indoors. Don't worry. There's an easy and inexpensive way to turn any room into an environment that fosters your child's learning and creativity.

Here are a few tips for creating the perfect area for learning and fun:

- **Inspire Creativity.** When turning up the creativity in a child's room, a good place to start is the walls. Light blue (the color of academics) or light pink or rose are good colors to use, especially for very active children who need a calming environment to focus. Before painting, apply three thin coats of Rust-Oleum® Magnetic Primer. It transforms any wall into a surface that attracts magnets, so kids can hang their favorite photos, artwork or school papers without tape or pushpins. Add a few funky magnets but not too many. Too much clutter can be distracting and have a negative impact on focus and creativity.

- **Let Them Write on the Walls** (or doors or dresser drawers). Educators recognize that giving kids a space to express their creativity or just "think out loud" is an important component of the learning process. Instead of creating paper clutter or buying a chalk or dry erase board, why not paint a wall, door or dresser drawers with Rust-Oleum® ChalkBoard or Dry Erase Paint? ChalkBoard Paint comes in black, green and a tint base where you can choose from fun colors such as Periwinkle



**Redecorating a child's room can be easier and less expensive than many parents realize.**

or Raspberry. Both ChalkBoard and Dry Erase Paint can be applied over existing paint and instantly turn any surface into a space for math problems, poetry or homework assignments. It's also great for leaving messages or subtle reminders, like "Time to Clean Your Room."

- **Create a Space to Work.** You don't have to spend a fortune to give your child the perfect workspace for studying and homework assignments. You can transform a flea market desk—or repurpose a table and chair you already own—with a little spray paint. Try Rust-Oleum® Ultra Cover 2X and coordinate by spray painting a bookcase, some picture frames—even the bed's headboard—to add a little more color to the room. The possibilities are endless!

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