

KIDS' CORNER

Blackboard paint offers a versatile base for a fun bedroom which can change along with your child

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Once Upon a time, there was

TIP: To remove chalk simply pour a splash of fizzy cola or vinegar onto a dry cloth and wipe chalk residue away, then wipe with clean water. The board will come up nice and black again.

A monochromatic room never seems to date and it is an easy palette to live with for both adults and children. Splashes of colour can easily be added and altered as you wish, meaning this space can grow and change as your child does.

This cute girl's room has a feature wall painted in Resene Blackboard Paint, which allows for both kids and adults to have some fun and get creative with chalk. When it is time for a change simply wipe away and start again with a blank canvas.

A few fun ideas:

- > **Write your child's name** on the wall using cool lettering and drawings of their favourite sports or animals to personalise the space.
- > **You don't have to limit yourself** to black. While black is the most popular colour for a blackboard, you can use other Resene colours, too. You can even combine a few favourite colours and paint a scene that doubles as a multi-coloured blackboard.
- > **Draw up a helpful timetable** if your little one has a busy schedule.
- > **Paint wooden boxes** in Resene Blackboard Paint, write the contents on the front and keep under the bed. Wooden boxes are great for storing Lego, blocks, small figurines and bits and bobs. The labelling will also help with a speedy tidy-up.
- > **List the jobs** they need to do in the morning to get ready for school, eg get dressed, brush teeth, make bed, pack lunch, give Mum and Dad a hug...
- > **Writing out a favourite** nursery rhyme or saying is a cute option too. You could also inscribe lines from songs, favourite books or knock knock jokes!
- > **Apply Resene Magnetic Magic** under Resene Blackboard Paint to create a magnetic blackboard. Kids will have double the fun, writing and sticking magnets on the wall.
- > **At night, sneak in** and write a message: "Good morning! Get your togs, we're going to the beach!"
- > **If you like the look of a write-on wall** but prefer to avoid chalk dust, use Resene Write-on Wall Paint to create whiteboard-style writing spaces. The paint is clear so you can use it over your favourite Resene colour to create a coloured whiteboard.

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- > **We've created a small reading nook** by teaming a cute rocker with a soft cushion and velvet tassel throw. A space-saving picture ledge can be screwed to the wall to display your child's books.
- > **Old drawers can be given** a new lease of life with a splash of paint. We have painted the drawer fronts in two coats of Resene Blackboard Paint and scribbled the contents of each drawer on the front, to help make tidying up fun.



Wall painted in Resene Blackboard Paint in black. Floor painted in Resene 'Alabaster'. Solano Shelby **bed frame**, \$200, Living & Co **rug**, \$149, both from The Warehouse. Soho reversible **quilt**, \$99.90, Soho **pillowcases**, \$29.90 each, crown **cushion**, \$39.90, all from Wallace Cotton. **Moon light**, \$10, pink **pillowcase**, \$4, **cloud boxes**, \$7 for two, **unicorn**, \$10, plant **pot**, \$6, **eyelid decals**, \$2, pink dreamy eyes **cushion**, \$6, quilted **hamper**, \$7, all from Kmart. Pink **clock**, \$6, from Spotlight. Polar bear **light**, \$25.50, **cat**, \$98.50, both from Little Whimsy. Silver **boots**, \$39.95, from Cotton On Kids. Velvet **throw**, \$119.90, from Bed Bath & Beyond. Mosslanda **picture ledge** (painted in Resene Blackboard Paint), \$19, from Akia. Whitehaven **drawers** (painted in Resene Blackboard Paint), \$199.95, from Mocka. Grey tassel **blanket**, \$139, from Jamie Kay. Eiffel **rocker**, \$129.95, from Zuca. All books stylist's own.



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