

## STYLE WATCH

### Child's Play

MAKING KIDS' BEDROOMS POP, WITHOUT SPENDING A LOT.  
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**W**hen the homeowners moved into this Colonial in Needham a few years ago, their children were very young and they postponed decorating the boy's and girl's bedrooms, says interior designer Dina Holland. With the kids now 5 and 7, the owners were ready to add a little style. On a modest budget, Holland created spaces that have flair and a decor that will endure as the children grow older.

**1** In the 5-year-old son's room, a green campaign-style **night stand** from Land of Nod was a leap of faith for the mother, who prefers neutral colors. "I talked her into it; the room really needed an energizing bolt of color—it couldn't just be the green blanket on the bed," says Holland.

**2** The **gold lamp** on the night stand is from Target, as is the woven **bull's head** on the wall—"a fun, whimsical piece," Hollands says, that "provides symmetry with the other side of the bed."

**3** A black Jenny Lind **bed** from Land of Nod and **bedding** in mixed colors and patterns from Pottery Barn Kids and Garnet Hill add interest and dimension to the space.

**4** Holland scored blue herringbone **drapes** at JCPenney. "It's OK to put a bed into front windows," she says. "You just have to make it look intentional. The drapes help frame the bed and make it look purposeful."

**5** A wire **shelf** in the shape of an arrow offers storage for all of the boy's "tchotchkes," says Holland.

**6** In the 7-year-old daughter's room, a plain white **bookshelf** holds storage bins with a touch of sparkle.

**7** A patterned gray and white **rug** was already in the room. "It was in great shape, and the colors were easy to work with," Holland says.

**8** Holland sewed a pink band of fabric to the white linen **IKEA drapes**. "It's an easy, cheap way to bring energy into the room," she says.

**9** The wall behind the upholstered Pottery Barn Kids **bed** pops with dramatic floral **wallpaper** by Caitlin Wilson, on which the room's color scheme is based.

