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A Playroom for Inspiration

I always spend time in August organizing for back-to-school. Not only do I shop for a few new clothes, shoes, backpacks and the like, I re-organize our bonus room. Our space is a multifunction room for homework, arts and crafts and movie nights. I am often asked for help with these large rooms and for them to include numerous functions. If bedrooms are somewhat small, incorporating a computer and desk along with a sofa, TV and creative area are among the requests I receive.

Jody Pannell had another activity on her list of wants—a dance studio for her two girls. Along with the usual activities these larger room are used for, she wanted a wall of mirrors and a dance floor. But more importantly Jody wanted to make it pretty with a cohesive color palette that complimented the rest of her home.

It's all about zones in a large bonus room and bringing them together. An area rug and wallpaper are ways to create these zones and define spaces. In this space, the wallpaper gives you visual impact when you walk in the room, as well as defines the craft area. The large mirror reflects the pattern to the opposite wall. The area rug contains the seating space. I am a huge fan of layering rugs over carpet. Another good tip is to pull your sofa or sectional away from the wall. Tucked behind it, your not-so-pretty bin-o-toys.

Big bonus rooms can seem daunting, but remember to create functional corners and nooks. Save larger walls for built-ins or TV storage pieces and float your furniture. If these rooms are designed with visual appeal and hidden storage, they won't just be the kid's room, the entire family will enjoy it!❖

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