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Nursery Design with Staying Power

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When designing a nursery, I *never* use a theme (sorry, Pooh Bear).

As cute as bears and balloons can be, I can't see spending money on something a baby will grow out of quickly. I look for pieces that have staying power while being young, fresh, and fun. For me, it's all about pattern and texture.

This space was a labor of love for one of our own. Bree Demeter and her husband, Aaron, are having their first child, and I immediately jumped at the chance to design their nursery. After all these years, I know her style pretty well, and I couldn't wait to help her out and create something special.

Your first nursery is a big deal. It's your first baby and a time filled with excitement and adjustment. A calm space is important. When designing this space, I took into consideration the colors and vibe throughout their home, but I wanted something a



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little unexpected. The jumping off point was the wall. Rather than a full wall of paper, we decided to create a graphic design by using small polka dot wallpaper and paint. With all neutrals, the trick is to add a lot of texture and pattern in the other pieces: the plaid rug, the rope chandelier, the tufted rocker, and the leather ottoman. We also included a must-have in all nurseries – a good dresser. “There’s no sense in purchasing a traditional changing table. These days, any flat surface will work, so invest in a piece that will last throughout high school!” To add even more room, we chose a textured wall-mounted accent lamp. ♦

Other Tips for a Small Nursery:

Use your wall space. Floating shelves or wall-mounted shelves for books and small toys save floor space.

Oeuf brand cribs have a changing tabletop that can sit safely on your crib rails, allowing for a tall dresser as opposed to a lower, longer one.

The Moderne Crib, by Netto, has a shelf under the mattress for extra storage; it also converts to a day bed.

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