

Decorate- It-Yourself

Trendy kid furniture can be crazy expensive, but you can get the look for a whole lot less by customizing what you already own. Cool!

> Splattered Pillows

Harness the color-zapping power of bleach and use it to create splatter patterns on old pillow covers. Spread out the covers (cotton works best) on a clean, flat, bleach-safe surface in a well-ventilated area. Dip a natural-bristle paintbrush in about a cup of bleach. Drizzle the bleach over each pillowcase and allow to dry. And you thought you had to throw them out! →

Transform
old
pillows!

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➤ Bunny Mirror

A looking glass with bunny ears makes for a playful reflection. Just cut white felt into an ear shape. Hot-glue smaller pieces of pink felt on top and let dry. Spray them with fabric-stiffening spray (\$9; michaels.com). Once ears have dried, attach them to the wall using self-stick Command strips (\$4; target.com) so they sit behind the mirror. Tell your kids they grew overnight! *Langesund mirror*, \$28; ikea.com

OPTIONS!

DON'T HAVE A BUNNY LOVER? YOU CAN MAKE A LION'S MANE, ELEPHANT EARS, OR EVEN A FUNNY HAT OUT OF FELT TOO.



> A Rug to Dye For

Tint a natural-fiber rug, like wool or cotton, to give a room a trendy splash of color. Place the rug on a tarp outside, and soak it with a hose. For a 5'x7' rug, prepare eight bottles of Rit liquid dye (\$4.50 each; michaels.com) and decant into a spray bottle—do this one bottle at a time. Spray the rug evenly until it is darker than what you're aiming for. Hang the rug to dry. Then, rinse it until the water runs clear. Hang again until totally dry (this may take a few days). Move it inside onto a rug pad.

Don't skip the rinse step! It prevents dye from getting on your floor or clothes.



> Dressy Dresser

Give that old bureau a face-lift with temporary wallpaper! Remove knobs and trace each drawer (they might look identical, but older pieces can change shape over time) onto the back of removable wallpaper (Banana Leaves, \$40 per panel; chasingpaper.com). FYI: We used two panels. Cut out the shapes and align the edge of the paper to the edge of the drawer. Peel the backing and carefully smooth onto the drawer fronts. Spray-paint knobs and reattach them. *Hemnes 3-drawer chest, \$169; ikea.com*



SMART!

LEAN YOUR KID'S PRETTIEST BOOKS AGAINST THE WALL FOR INSTANT AND EASY-TO-CHANGE ART.



Secure dresser to the wall to avoid tipping.



PREVIOUS SPREAD: LAMP: HEICO. LARGE RABBIT, POLKA DOT CLUB: MISHA AND PUFF TALL BUNNY: COMMONFOLKE. BOX SET, GRIMM'S: INSECT ART. JASON POLAN. ON BOY: TOP, CREWCUTS: PANTS: APPAMAN. SOCKS: TOOTYDOO. THIS PAGE: BASKET: OLLI ELLA. SWADDLES: LEWIS GOTTS. ART PRINT: NATURE BUNDLE.

> Lamp Revamp

Fringe, yarn, or pom-poms add texture to a plain shade. Plan out a pattern, then attach your embellishments using a hot-glue gun. For our pom-pom design, we marked our pattern with pencil first. *Lemon Twist Apothecary table lamp, \$100; lampsplus.com*

TIP!

THIS LAMP COMES IN DOZENS OF COLORS, BUT IF YOU'RE MAKING OVER AN EXISTING ONE, GRAB SOME SPRAY PAINT AND HAVE AT IT.

