

Kids' CORNER

This gorgeous scheme for a girl's room allows plenty of scope for growth

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This gorgeous room cleverly combines softest pink with a wall of metallic gold stripes to create a girl's haven that can grow with her. Rather than opting for an overwhelmingly pink theme – which has a limited life span – soft dusty pinks have been confined to accessories, bedding and the bed frame, in a scheme that can be easily tweaked (blue or darker pink accents, for instance, would look equally stunning).

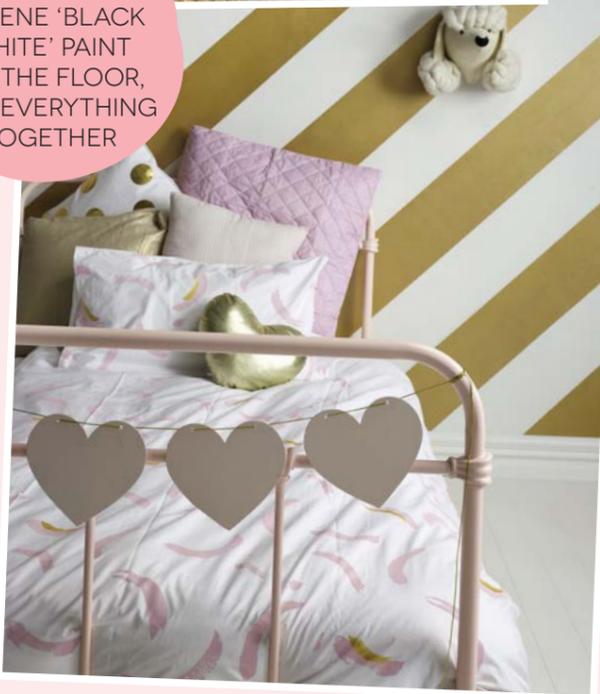
Gold and white is a classic combination that would suit any child or teen and gives the room a sense of luxury and energy as well as a contemporary feel with the stripes running diagonally. The pink highlights and plain white floor perfectly balance the graphic walls to create a gentle, feminine ambience. The simple jute rug and bedlinen provide the only other patterns but because they incorporate touches of gold, they complement the stripes rather than compete with them.

Mixing traditional (the tongue-and-groove flooring and metal bedstead) and modern (the neon sign) elements makes for an interesting space. A simple stool from Mocka has been painted in Resene 'Pot Pourri' to serve as a bedside or occasional table.

STYLIST'S TIPS

- ✦ **If storage space** is tight, don't forget to use the area under the bed. Paint some shallow wooden boxes and add a design that complements the rest of the scheme – or invite your child to do this. These are great for storing children's books and toys.
- ✦ **Bunting is not just** for the walls. This cute wooden loveheart bunting (left) from Typo has been painted in Resene 'Pink Terrace' and strung across the bed end.
- ✦ **The wall stripes** are painted on a 45-degree angle. Use painter's masking tape to tape up your design first – these stripes are 20cm wide and were painted in Resene 'Gold Dust'. Make sure you use the right basecoat colour for the metallic to get the best effect.

LOW-SHEEN RESENE 'BLACK WHITE' PAINT ON THE FLOOR, TIES EVERYTHING TOGETHER



This page, top Ombre jute rug, \$30, from Kmart; Lily and George Fluffe Bunny, \$34.99, from Shut The Front door; wooden box painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene 'Pot Pourri' and Resene 'Gold Dust' metallic; Feliz 'Cha Cha Cha' king single duvet cover, \$255, from Tea Pea; Le Toy Van petits fours wooden cakes, \$29.90, from Crave Home. Books and cake stand, stylist's own.

This page, above King single Peyton bed, \$299, from Freedom; Feliz 'Cha Cha Cha' king single duvet, \$255, pillowcase, \$59, and Fiona Walker poodle head, \$225, all from Tea Pea; heart wooden bunting, \$24.95, from Typo, painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene 'Pink Terrace'; gold spot cushion, \$49.99, and Middle of Nowhere gold-linen square cushion, \$149, both from Shut The Front Door; Hiroba pale pink grid cushion, \$49.99, from Nood; Belmondo Provincial Euro pillowcase, \$20, from Spotlight; Ombre round jute rug, \$30, pink wooden van (on floor), \$15, both from Kmart; pink pom pom flowers, \$9.90, each, Le Toy Van petits fours wooden cakes, \$29.90, pink grid large notebook (on floor), \$25, all from Crave Home; brass coat hanger, \$9.99, and Middle of Nowhere gold square cushion, \$149, both from Shut The Front Door. Wooden box and all other props, stylist's own.

Opposite page Walls painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene 'Black White' and Resene 'Gold Dust' metallic; floor painted in Resene Walk-on 'Black White'; Hudson stool, \$34.95, from Mocka, painted in Resene 'Pot Pourri'; Peyton king single bed in Dusty Pink, \$299, and neon Dream light, \$299, both from Freedom; Feliz 'Cha Cha Cha' king single duvet cover, \$255, and pillowcase, \$59, Helena Stitch blanket by Sage and Clare, \$289, and heart hook, \$25, all from Tea Pea; gold star cushion, \$24.95, Iris tulle dress, \$39.95, ballet headband (on flowers), \$6.95, all from Cotton On Kids; Ms Polly Pink rabbit, \$49.99, and Hiroba pink grid cushion, \$49.99, both from Nood; Belmondo Provincial Euro Pillowcase, \$20, from Spotlight; Ombre round jute rug, \$30, pink wooden van (on floor), \$15, both from Kmart; pink pom pom flowers, \$9.90, each, Le Toy Van petits fours wooden cakes, \$29.90, pink grid large notebook (on floor), \$25, all from Crave Home; brass coat hanger, \$9.99, and Middle of Nowhere gold square cushion, \$149, both from Shut The Front Door. Wooden box and all other props, stylist's own.

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