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## **7** BUILDING BLOCKS

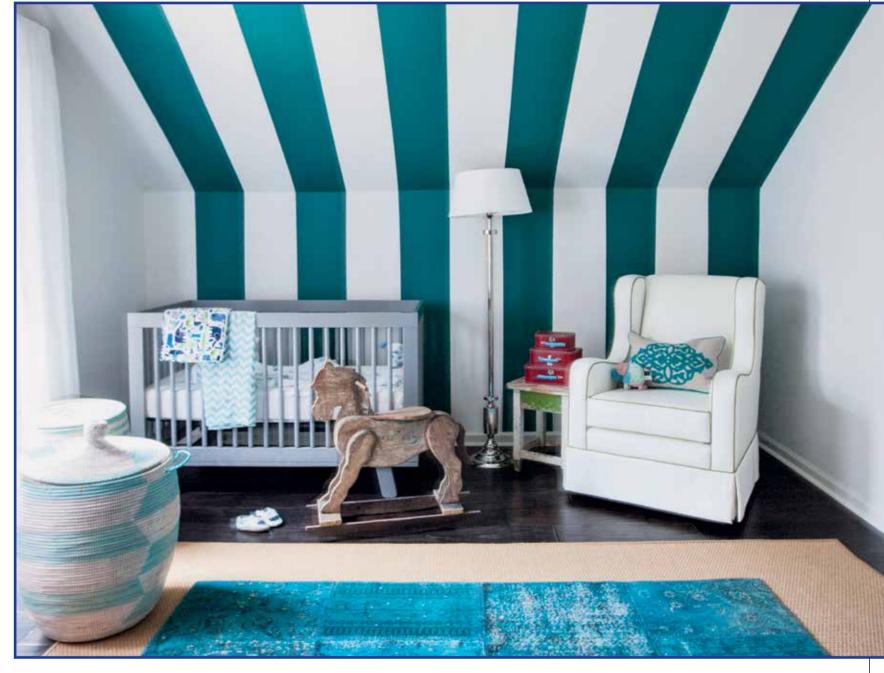
Double-up your little one's sleep space as a cosy hideaway and even the most notorious bedtime refuseniks couldn't resist snuggling down every night. The natural timber sloping roof and built-in tongue-and-groove bed give this room a comfy, Alpine feel, while a muted colour palette ensures the space feels fresh and contemporary. 'New neutrals are a big trend for children's rooms this year, with the emergence of greys and mustards paired with dusky blues for a palette that's suitable for children as they go from baby to pre-school and beyond,' says Scion's Hannah Bowen. For a similar industrial-style desk, try La Redoute's Buton vintage school desk and chair, £105.

'Kids love to play on the floor, whether they're three or 12. Easily accessible storage space is always a hit, so they can access their favourite toys and activities'

Jean-Luc Lallemand, Gautier

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## ← 8 DOUBLE THE FUN

For a shared bedroom that keeps everyone happy, give its occupants ways to personalise their spaces. Allowing children to make decisions about even the smallest of details in their room can help them feel a sense of ownership and pride – whether it's choosing between bedding designs, adding a flash of a favourite colour or having free rein with the sticker book. Try Ikea's Malm single beds in White, £139 each, including two storage boxes, and customise with paint for a similar look to the ones seen here. On the floor is David Hicks' Hexagon House 2 design in Gray, £146 per sq m, Stark Carpet.

## † 9 EARN YOUR STRIPES

This space designed by Jen Langston Interiors uses a bold striped effect to iron out an awkward pitched ceiling, creating the illusion of height. To echo the home's coastal location and create a calming mood, Jen Langston chose a rich teal colour scheme using Benjamin Moore's North Sea Green, from £19.50 for 0.94I, and harmonising turquoise accessories. Olli Ella sells baskets like this. For a similar rug, see the Vintage 8015 design by Louis de Poortere in Azure Blue, from £144. M&S's Esme solid beech cot in Grey, £129, is a good alternative to the design shown here.

'The best way to create a balance between fun and calm is with zones, using colour on dedicated walls to help break up the areas'

Daniela Boleto, Camomile London

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