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A vibrant bedroom for a tween poised for a bright future

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Creating a space for a 12-year-old girl that easily transitions into a space for a young adult takes the keen eye of an experienced designer. A tween views her bedroom as a place where no rules apply, where she can escape from the world and do more than just sleep. Oftentimes, her favourite items in the bedroom are varied and not cohesive. That's when a designer steps in; to turn her bedroom into a much-desired retreat, filled with her favourite things that can grow with her into young adulthood.

INTERCHANGEABLE COLOURS

Tweens love colour, and with that in mind, this bedroom received a healthy dose of fresh, invigorating hues. Sometimes you have to go beyond the ordinary, and choose colour combinations that seem avant-garde, particularly when you're designing a space for a tween, teenager or young adult. The palette selection was based on what is popular with the age group, (8 to 12); the bright colours were then paired with elegant, neutral blues and timeless crisp whites, which allows for mixing and matching, and transitions easily into the next phase of life.

LAYERS OF COLOUR AND TEXTURE

The star of this room is the bedding. We chose prints inspired by spring and summer, which added depth and drama to the space. We mixed and matched colours, and added layers of texture, drawing inspiration from the walls, carpet and even the desk. Duvets from Anthropologie and eclectic Boho sheets have a young appeal but also can easily transition beyond the teen years. A Mongolian lamb fur pillow in white adds extra texture and softness—perfect for snuggling on a chilly night.

PRACTICAL YET FABULOUS

We chose a simple desk and turned it into a statement piece by adding a classic, yet hip Panton chair by Danish designer, Verner Panton. The comfort of this chair is the result of slightly flexible material formed into one single piece and the anthropomorphic shape is ideal for long hours of studying or surfing the net.

BEAUTIFULLY FUNCTIONAL

Lighting adds ambience to a room. In this case we also chose to use the lighting as a means for framing the dramatic windows. We hung a cluster of Tom Dixon contemporary pendant lights with a brushed bronze interior over the desk for ambient and task lighting, and to further draw the eye upward to the windows. For extra mood lighting, we chose a vintage-inspired table lamp. The brushed bronze colour pairs beautifully with the pendant lights and adds modern appeal.



TWEEN ROMANCE

As much as young women love colour, they also love romance. So to add a feminine touch and some romantic charm, we used roman shades as the window coverings to soften the room. Keeping the roman shades white allows for easy transition as well.

FINISHING TOUCHES

We needed a good rug to ground the room. The classic, rich-blue carpet not only adds warmth and grounds the space, it also adds some contrast to the flooring below, and heightens the contrast with the bright tones of the room.

In the end, we not only created a practical and functional bedroom for sleeping, working and lounging, we added enough colour and style to appeal to a tween with pieces she can take with her into adulthood. ♦

paint pick

Mt. Rainier Gray
2129-60

SOURCES

ORANGE & WHITE DESK:
IKEA **DESK CHAIR:** Panton Chair in white **PENDANT LIGHTS:** Tom Dixon **ROMAN WINDOW COVERING:** Cinzia Designs **CARPET:** West Elm **BEDDING, PILLOWS & HARDWARE:** Anthropologie **BEDSIDE LAMP:** Restoration Hardware **PAINT:** 2129-60 Mt. Rainier Gray, Benjamin Moore **INTERIOR DESIGN & STYLING:** Dvira Ovadia

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