

# HAPPY DAYS

## Fresh Take

Utilizing bonus rooms such as an extra bedroom or old attic can be the perfect place to create a kids' playroom. It doesn't have to be large and you can get your children involved in the process!



NYC-based interior designer Abby Gruman of Abby Leigh Designs shares her best tips for keeping your Minis connected and happy in their spaces at home.

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## Soft Landings

Large-scale rugs are a must! These can be the perfect base for your kids' spaces and they don't have to be overly expensive or costly. I sometimes like to go wall to wall with the rugs to cover the entire floor, allowing for fun play time and no worry about scratching hardwood or any other original flooring.

## Work Space

Dedicated workspaces and organization areas are a must! I like to include workspaces that can be moved throughout the room vs. built in desks that are anchored to a wall, etc. This gives the room more of a floating and functional feeling while also giving your kids a dedicated space for homework or play that isn't on the floor or sofa.

## Creative Kids

Focus on design elements that will allow their creativity to blossom. Incorporating color, pattern, and various shapes is key. From wallpaper to functional rugs and wipeable furniture, the possibilities are endless!

## Quick Clean

Large bins, foldable organization buckets, and chic shelves for toys are a great way to keep everything clean and concealed. This is also a great way to give your children responsibility in their space. Everything should have a place to go once they are done with them!

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