

## We Asked Kids to Describe Their Dream Rooms—Then Had Designers Translate Their Asks

The results are the cutest design plans ever.



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At *House Beautiful*, we've offered plenty of advice on decorating spaces for the youngest members of the family—we've got [kids' rooms](#) aplenty, imaginative inspiration for [playrooms](#), spaces for [little ones with special needs](#), and [much more](#). But one thing we *haven't* done in an effort to create dream spaces for kids is something that feels pretty obvious: Ask the kids.

Over the past few months, we sourced dream room submissions from 13 design lovers under 12—then asked professional designers to "translate" these asks into real design briefs and product suggestions, just as they would for any adult client. One of the best things about children is that they tend more towards the imaginative than the practical, so there's plenty of magic in each of the schemes. The results are smart, original, and honestly pretty practical! Read on to explore them all, and shop the one that feels right for your kid.

# High-Tech Hideout

Lottie / Age 10

## Lottie's Dream

“My pet chicken named Evan...a robot that cleans up everything so my room is always clean and I don't get yelled at...I have a teddy bear, a TV, and a rubik's cube. Inside drawers are my clothes, socks, shoes, and a little lantern, and a bookshelf with all different kinds of books. There's a screen you shove your face in it and if it's my face it lets me in but if its someone else they kick them out.”

## Designer's Vision

*A mirror on or near the bedroom door could act as the “screen” to confirm entry into Lottie's secret space. Utilizing wall space is critical in kids' rooms because they often have a lot of “stuff” to fit into a pretty small space. **I really do love peel and stick / temporary wallpaper for kids' rooms: It has a big impact, costs little, and is easy to remove if they want to change things up in the future.***

*Adding the colorful robot wallpaper gives Lottie lots of helpers for cleaning her room! I always look for classically designed dressers in a neutral wood tone (like this one) so they last longer and never go out of style. Look for handle vs. knob pulls to withstand kid use. Adding in a mobile lantern means this light can be used anywhere!*

—Kristin Bartone, Bartone Interiors



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# Fancy Digs

Mina / Age 9

## Mina's Dream

“First, I have a large bed, and then a diamond chandelier, a couch with some furry pillows, and a TV that shows a bunch of rainbow stuff. I have an underground base and the theme is to be fancy, so I put a lounge chair and an umbrella because I really like the beach, and then a slushie machine.”

## Designer's Vision

*This sounds like an amazing room where any kid could spend hours hanging out. I love the idea of creating an “underground base” camp under a bunk bed, especially with added drapery panels to close off the rest of the world. Kids are bombarded with activities and packed schedules, so having a quiet space at home is essential to pressing the “reset” button. Adding a full wall mural of the beach (with an umbrella decal on top!) transports Mina to a place that is relaxing and where she feels at peace.*

—Kristin Bartone, Bartone Interiors



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