



Sunset

ideas for great
kids' rooms



An enclosure of some form creates sleeping quarters that kids will love to climb into and will remember forever.



Right: An architect father designed beds for his kids with curtains they can pull closed at bedtime to create a cozy oasis in a warehouse-size room (top photo). The bunk beds occupy an elevated loft space, fenced off with yellow industrial screening. Downstairs is any kid's perfect playroom, with its expanse of hardwood floor from an old gymnasium, multiple activity areas, and plenty of natural light from glass-block walls. Locker-style storage units in playful pink (see detail above) are fun alternatives to conventional shelves.



shelves, containers, and bins near the desk for books and supplies.

If two kids share a room, ensure peace and privacy with two desks, even if they sit side by side or are located in a quiet hallway. But take study habits into account. If one sister prefers a desk for homework while the other finds inspiration sprawled on the floor or across a bed, one desk is all the room needs.

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Wait until your child is 10 or older to invest in an adult-size desk. That's usually when homework begins to pile up and a desk becomes a necessity, not an option. The bigger the better, say many parents. Kids have projects beyond schoolwork involving crafts, art, or hobbies, and they need room to spread out. On the other hand, a more modest desk will do if you or your kids are big fans of the kitchen table as the spot for family activities.

Top right: When two kids share desk duty, assigned seats and designated drawers head off squabbles. Desktop initials mark off territory on the work surface.

Bottom right: Offering plenty of storage, a classic student's desk is hardworking and built to last. Its honey-toned hardwood warms up the room decor.

