



Boboo range from Marimekko wallpapers





Child's

PLAY

Research shows that young children respond well to strong and bright hues, needing to be surrounded by colour for mental stimulation. Given this, it's no wonder preschools and infant classrooms are often decorated with an abundance of colours. Read on for the best shades to use for your little one's space.



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COLOUR WAVE

Young children are particularly drawn to warm colours of the spectrum that contain the longest wavelengths, such as red, pink, orange and yellow in their brightest incarnations. This preference often changes as we age, with older people generally preferring colours with short wavelengths such as blue and green.

NOT JUST PINK AND BLUE

Children's bedrooms and playrooms don't just have to be decorated in the stereotypical colours of feminine pink or masculine blue. One of the latest trends in decorating is to mix up colour more and it's quite acceptable to introduce lime greens, fire-engine reds and luminous yellows into the scheme. Kids do not appear to enjoy browns, neutral greys or black and therefore these elements should be kept to accents only. White is a good choice to partner strong colours as its fresh, clean and provides a good contrast.

WALL TO WALL

Children's wallpapers are often a good starting point for a colour scheme that will work well without being completely overwhelming – the colours are bright and stimulating without being overpowering. This is perfectly demonstrated in the Boboo range from Marimekko wallpapers.

BOLD FEATURE

Painted feature walls are a great idea too, particularly behind the bed so children go to sleep without looking at the stimulating colour. Dulux recently released an updated atlas of colours which includes some wonderful bolds and brights which are new to its range. Consider painting picture frames and toy boxes in these fabulous colours to bring forth your child's inquisitive side.



Dulux
Pure Apple



Dulux
Mondrian Blue



Dulux
Champion



Dulux
Kings Canyon



Dulux
Licked Lick



Dulux
Symphony Red



Dulux
Sulphur

