

# BEDTIME STORIES

Who says a little girl's room has to be all precious and kiddy-style? Not these area designers, who prefer pattern-mixing, a nod toward history, and plenty of storied pieces. *By Tanya Zager Chisholm*

**SUGAR AND SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE** That was certainly on the minds of a couple of area designers, who waved their magic wands to create these two girls' bedrooms. Although both rooms evoke an effervescent quality and reflect several feminine elements, neither strays into precious or princess territory.



✦ **PRETEEN PAGODA:** "Replacing the juvenile bunny lamp and hanging this lantern is a simple way to add a more mature feel at some point." Pagoda wall lantern, price varies, from England, Christopher Hyde, [christopherhyde.com](http://christopherhyde.com).

✦ **SHEEP DREAMS:** "A well-designed room should have organic elements." Ecowool Sheepskin rug (similar to one in room photo), \$124.50, [ecowool.com](http://ecowool.com).



✦ **CORALLING CORAL:** This Coral Jaipur bed fabric (\$50/yd.) adds pizzazz. Serena & Lily, [serenaandlily.com](http://serenaandlily.com).



✦ **MORE PILLOWS:** Marrakech pillow (not shown in room, \$250), Kathryn M. Ireland, [kathrynirelandshop.com](http://kathrynirelandshop.com).



✦ **CLOSET PAPER:** The closet wallpaper is "Watercolor Peony," \$148/roll, Anthropologie, [anthropologie.com](http://anthropologie.com).



✦ **PAINT PATTERN:** "Paint was chosen last." Barely Teal, \$45-\$68/gallon, Benjamin Moore, [benjaminmoore.com](http://benjaminmoore.com).

"I knew the lamp shade colors would illuminate beautifully when lit from behind — and they do!"  
— *Krista Nye Schwartz*

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### KRISTIN ROSS

**WHO:** Ross runs Grosse Pointe-based FINISH by red décor. The designer has more than 20 years of experience in fine painting (much of the time with her husband, KC) and interiors. Her eclectic aesthetic is derived from her study of art history and sculpture, in addition to her passion for world travel.

**DESIGN GOAL:** "Your home should tell the story of you," she says.

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**A-HEAD OF THE REST:** "These headboards give the room a sense of grandeur, drawing the eye upward and paying homage to the history of the client's home. Their crisp white color tames the bright coral walls." Custom-made of reclaimed doors from a local historic home of the same era as the client's home. Available through Kristin Ross, \$725 each.

**TWIN TOPPERS:** "The bed linens and decorative pillows were chosen in a range of shapes, textures, colors, and patterns to add depth and interest to the room without being distracting." Elizabeth White Matelassé Twin Coverlet (similar to one in room photo), \$194, Pine Cone Hill, [pineconehill.com](http://pineconehill.com).

✦ **ON GUARD:** Melissa and Doug giraffe plush toy, \$100; Whistle Stop Hobby and Toy, St. Clair Shores, [whistle-stop.com](http://whistle-stop.com).



✦ **PAINT 'N' POLKA:** "The paint is accented in this room with custom wall treatment/gold-foiled polka dots," says designer Kristin Ross. (Gaiety, Sherwin-Williams, \$37/gallon), [sherwin-williams.com](http://sherwin-williams.com).



✦ **IRRESISTIBLE IKAT:** "This indigo serves to carry the room's main accent of blue onto the girls' beds. Here, for movement, I juxtaposed a swirling ikat against the sober lines of the gingham shams and striped duvets." Bed pillow made from Khandar Indigo fabric, \$22/yard, Calico Corners, [calicocorners.com](http://calicocorners.com).

**A VIVACIOUS BEDROOM**  
"The girls who inhabit this space (decorated for the 2014 Junior League of Detroit Designer Show House) are full of life," says designer Kristin Ross, "and I wanted the design to reflect that. The room (in a Grosse Pointe Park home) is bathed in a feminine, energetic coral and accented by a range of blues to create vibrant charm. The opulent chandelier creates an air of juvenile sophistication."

"Combine vintage textiles and furnishings with modern graphics."  
— *Kristin Ross*



**PRINCESS SANS THE PRECIOUS:** "The bed (Pondicherry, with nailheads) is fit for a princess, but without the priss. It perfectly complements the custom lamp shade above." \$1,950, Serena & Lily, [serenaandlily.com](http://serenaandlily.com).

**TREASURED HEIRLOOM:** "A love of textiles and design must run in my family, because my mother is nearly as big a textile addict as I am. The quilt on the bed is vintage, 1940s. This is the quilt that graced my parents' bed as I was growing up — it has fond memories of home for me. To see it loved by my daughter makes me all the more sentimental about this well-worn family heirloom."

**GRANDMA'S TOUCH:** Schwartz's mother lovingly stitched the pillow on the chair. "It was the final touch and just what the room needed," Schwartz says.



**A CHARMED SPACE**  
"This bedroom was designed for my daughter, Tahlia, a vivacious 4-year-old," says designer Krista Nye Schwartz. "She's a combination of tomboy — never fearful of bugs, skinned knees, or thunderstorms, and can keep up with her 6-year-old brother and his friends without missing a beat — and super-girly. I wanted her room to be a reflection of her personality, and just any 'pretty pink room' wouldn't do. The space is nearly as quirky and special as she is!"

✦ **ROCK ON:** Attractive American Rocker, Doodle fabric in Candyfloss, \$848, The Land of Nod, [landofnod.com](http://landofnod.com).

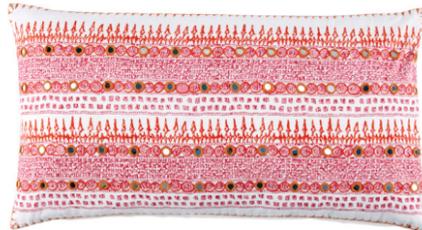


✦ **RELAXED LIGHTING:** "Sitting atop the vintage side tables in this room, a pair of these would be stunning." Gannet Table Lamp in Drizzled Cobalt, \$420, AERIN, [aerin.com](http://aerin.com).



✦ **PLAYFUL PAINTINGS:** "How fun are these whimsical watercolor works of art by Elizabeth Ocean? Tahlia and I had a riot selecting the ones she wanted for her room." \$20/ea., [etsy.com](http://etsy.com).

✦ **MADE IN SHE SHADE:** "I designed the room around the fabric on the light shade (the pillow fabric below is similar to the one on shade in room photo) that was originally a John Robshaw pillow," turning the pillow fabric into a drum shade. Primrose Bolster, \$210, John Robshaw Textiles, [johnrobshaw.com](http://johnrobshaw.com).



### KRISTA NYE SCHWARTZ

**WHO:** Schwartz and business partner Tami Ramsay own CLOTH & KIND in Ann Arbor and Athens, Ga. The duo is known for creating spaces with story and substance.

Each project is layered with a meticulous mix of one-of-a-kind, curated finds, then finished with a heavy dose of unique custom textiles, art, and furnishings. Their design work and blog have been showcased in *House Beautiful*, *Lonny*, *The Atlantian* and *The Huffington Post*, to name a few.

**DESIGN GOAL:** Classic, with a modern vibe and an intriguing, worldly influence.

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