

## How to 'cosy-up' your kid's room for Autumn... ...without spending a fortune!

The month of September heralds the start of another school year...and almost the finish of Summer. The shops are full of new season Autumn fashion ranges, and interior trends are focused on making our homes more cosy. So how do you make seasonal changes to your kid's room without breaking the bank?

Firstly, it's time to have a clear out.

No amount of effort is going to make a room look great if it's full of clutter, so go through old clothes, toys and accessories, chucking out anything that's broken, incomplete or past repairing, and bag up items that are suitable for charity or recycling.

With the help of your little ones, set aside a few favourite items...toys, books, photos, etc...to finish off the room when decorating is complete.

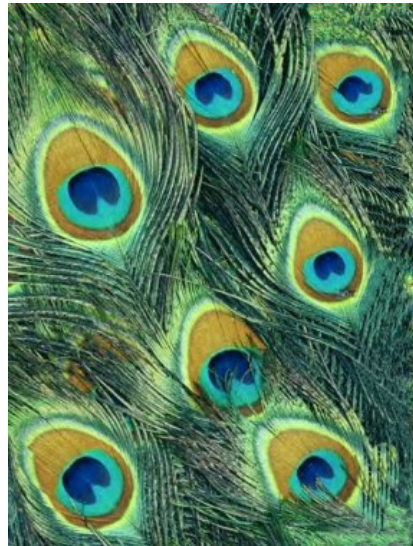
Add a splash of rich colour.

Deep, rich colours will make a room feel more cosy but can be overpowering, so start with painting a feature wall and accessorising with soft furnishings.

Having decided on your colour palette, keep cuttings of paint samples with you when shopping for accessories, that way you know your colour choices will compliment each other. Peacock feather greens and blues are a top trend this Autumn.



Clear the clutter



Autumn colour palette

Create comfort with soft furnishings.

There's nothing more welcoming than a bed piled high with soft blankets, cushions, pillows and quilts, where your little one can snuggle up at night. Try mixing a riot of plain colours that compliment your overall scheme or timeless patterns such as gingham and stripes.

Use expensive fabrics sparingly on smaller areas, such as a cushion or two. Consider replacing light Summer curtains with heavier fabrics if necessary, and soften wooden flooring with fluffy rugs.

'Lighten' the mood.

With the nights drawing in, extra lighting is a must in a kid's room, whether it be task lighting for homework or decorative additions to create atmosphere. Add table lamps, nightlights or string lights for a flexible alternative to harsh overhead pendants.

Look for discount outlets or shop online for great bargains on quality items.

Just a few, simple, low cost changes can make all the difference to your child's room, and make it a place they're happy to spend time in.



Atmospheric lighting



Add cushions for extra comfort

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