

New ARRIVAL

Ahead of the birth of their second child, the owners of this Victorian terraced house sought the help of interior designer Clare Altarafi to treat their four-year-old daughter to her own, redecorated bedroom

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THE FACTS

Who? A family
What? Resdesigning a child's room in a five-bedroom Victorian terraced house
Where? Earlsfield, south west London
Cost? £2500
Time? Five weeks

"I made a feature of one of the walls with polka dot-style decals, which can be removed at a later date if needed," Clare says. "The chest of drawers and wardrobe were originally pine, so the couple painted them in Diorite, a purple-toned grey paint by local company Paint The Town Green, for an update. It is free of toxic fumes – which is particularly reassuring when painting a child's bedroom. I also updated both pieces with oversized handles for a contemporary look. I then chose wooden knobs from This Modern Life for the chest of drawers, and brushed brass knobs from Anthropologie to tie in with the metal bed frame." Wall decals, Molly Meg; pineapple mirror, This Modern Life.

DESIGN EDIT



1 Cam Cam organic cotton canopy in Dusty Pink, £106, Smallable. smallable.com

2 Sweet grey pine wardrobe, £378, Maisons du Monde. maisonsdumonde.com

3 Dots wallpaper by Karlie Klum, £28 per 3m roll, Lime Lace. limelace.co.uk

4 Alphabet A3 print, £14, Bobby Rabbit. bobbyrabbit.co.uk

5 New York metal kids bed in red, £199, Cuckooland. cuckooland.com



"I wanted to make sure the design would last as the little girl grew up," Clare explains. "The couple didn't want to have to completely redecorate again in a few years. In this scheme it is easy to change accessories and decorations, but we kept the bare bones, such as the walls, fairly neutral for longevity." **Wall paint**, Private Universe, Paint The Town Green; **Miffy lamp**, This Modern Life.



"Formerly a spare bedroom, the space is rectangular but has a slightly odd layout, with the entrance to a walk-in cupboard effectively splitting the back wall in half," Clare says. "The couple wanted a cost-effective way to use both spaces without spending additional money to knock the wall through and join the main room and cupboard into one, so we created a reading nook with books on easily accessible **display shelves**, from Ikea, in there. We made it a nice and cosy spot and added cool prints on the walls and a comfy beanbag."

Neon heart, This Modern Life; **desk**, Ikea; **stool**, Molly Meg.



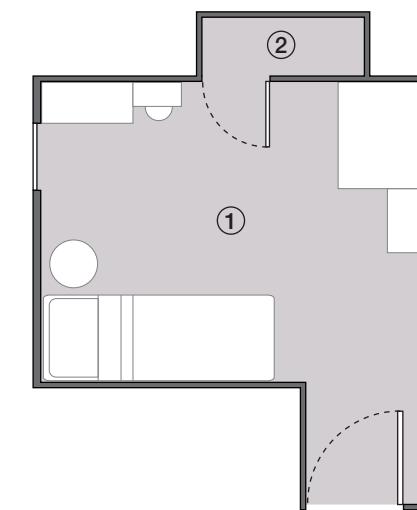
"When it came to the room's design scheme, the couple knew they didn't want it to be overly girly," Clare remembers. "They had already picked out a bed they liked online - a wrought-iron traditional frame. However, they were keen to make the overall look feel modern, which I helped them with. Together we opted for a monochrome feature wall, with playful colour pops - balancing pastel shades with more vibrant pinks and offsetting these with strong mint tones." **Brushed brass knobs on wardrobe**, Anthropologie.

THE PLANS

Previously a spare bedroom, Clare updated the space to be more suitable for the couple's four year-old daughter. Making no structural alterations, she instead used the available floor area in the most effective way and made the decoration easy to change.

1 Layout While most of the arrangement remained the same, a new bed and desk were added.

2 Use of space A reading nook was created in a small cupboard.



SOURCE BOOK

Interior designer Clare Altarafi, Clare Elise Interiors 07790 521928, clareeliseinteriors.com

Bed frame The Original Bed Company 0800 464 0875, obc-uk.net

Paint Paint The Town Green 020 8871 0531, paintthetowngreen.co.uk

Pendant light Maisons du Monde 0808 234 2171, maisonsdumonde.com

Canopy Molly Meg 020 7359 5655, mollymeg.com

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