

# home

## CHILD'S PLAY

Despite constant refrains of “clean your room”, children’s bedrooms seem to accumulate clutter and mess. However, there are some simple tips to not only organise the space but to involve the kids, too.

Professional organiser Amy Kennedy, from The Organising Bee, says involving your children in the decision of how they would like their toys and belongings sorted provides them with ownership of their space. They understand where to find each of their toys and it increases the chances that they may put things away and maintain their space.

To help organise their belongings, Amy says to avoid large traditional style toy boxes, as they are an invitation for your child to remove every toy they own from the box to find what they are looking for.

Instead, she suggests storing similar toys together in small containers (e.g. blocks, trains,

dolls). This makes it is easier for your child to find the exact toy that they would like to play with, generally encourages more creative play and is easier to pack away.

As to decorating, the best place to start is the bed. According to Laura Eva, visual merchandising manager, Focus on Furniture, “consider your child’s bedroom space and measure up the room. If your child’s room is small, stick to pale, neutral colours on the walls and choose light, neutral-looking furniture”.

“Bunk beds are a great option for small rooms as they provide a bed for more than one child in the same room and they can also provide functional storage solutions,” Laura says. However, if you are looking at purchasing a bunk bed for your child’s bedroom, Laura advises to check it has a product certification and meets safety standards.



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### TOP TIP

Label your storage. An easy method of labelling that is suitable for all ages, particularly young children who are unable to read, is to take a photo of the items stored within each toy box and stick them to the front of the container.

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