

# ALL AROUND THE WORLD

Joanne Lytle created a room inspired by her travels for daughters Raven, two and Aspen, four



**What was your inspiration for the nursery?**

We wanted a special place for our girls to play, spend time and sleep. My husband, Nigel, and I met in

Hong Kong and that's where both our children were born. Our travels took us to Asia and Australia. As the girls were very young when we left, we wanted to do something to give them a sense of where they were born.

**Where did you source the furnishings?**

A variety of places – some things were made bespoke when we lived in Hong Kong. I also love the Children's Furniture Company and that's where we got the beds and coordinating small chests of drawers.

**What was the brief you gave to your interior designer Tracey Saunders (traceysaunders.co.uk)?**

We wanted to create light and space, so we installed skylights and chose soft colours and furnishings. We looked through holiday photos and came up with several images from around the world that had special meaning. Tracey recommended an artist friend, and we all sat down to discuss ideas, styles, and imagery to create the murals.

**What is your favourite feature?**

The murals are special, because every image has a story, a special memory, a smile or giggle associated with it. We wanted to create a special haven, a place that inspires creativity.

'I didn't want to create a nursery that was typically girly or on-trend, I wanted something with meaning that would grow with the girls.'

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'The pictures on the walls are an ongoing voyage of discovery and we often talk about them at playtime – they inspire creativity.'

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**HOW TO... BRIGHTEN UP AN OLD BOOKCASE**

- After removing the shelves, sand the entire bookcase to remove the shiny finish. The wood should feel smooth after sanding. Remove any sawdust residue from the bookcase by vacuuming or using a damp rag.
- Paint a thin coat of primer on the bookcase and shelves. Select an oil-based primer for oil-based paints, and a latex primer for latex paints. Allow to dry for three hours.
- Apply a thin coat of paint on top of the primer, painting in the direction of the wood grain. Do two or three coats making sure the paint is completely dry between each layer. Allow the case to dry overnight before reassembling the shelves.
- Decorate with stickers or try your hand at a stencil. The Homebase website (homebase.co.uk) has a great selection of designs to get you started.

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