

It's no child's play to design a room shared by two children. It may not always translate into two pieces of furniture each, but it does require careful thought

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sharing a room—often a boy and girl of varying ages and habits. How do you accommodate your daughter's love for Barbie dolls alongside your son's penchant for Ben Ten?

"When planning a twin room, the first rule of thumb is demarcating separate spaces for play and work. Children and clutter go together, so planning is paramount," says interior designer Shibani Mehta of Naksh Designs.

"If both siblings are of the same sex, it's easier to match the different co-ordinates, otherwise in a boy-girl combination, we

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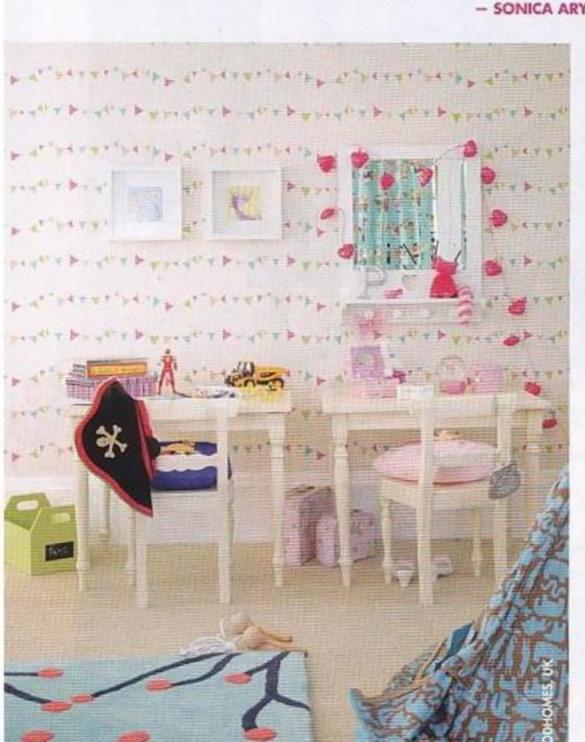
Start with the sleeping arrangements. The options are multi-fol Bunk beds are a good idea when space is at a premium. Mos designs come with built-in storage that serves as storage.

"If the kids are too small and bunk beds are not an option, pull-out sleeping arrangements. These are easy to push back i morning and free up valuable floor space for play," says arch and interior designer Anita Desai.

Individual beds with headboards that open up to offer hide storage also work well in short space.

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THEMES AND COLOUR SCHEMES

Here's a tricky one. How do you please a fussy ten-year oli fickle pre-teen when it comes to colour schemes and the Follow these easy hints.

- Add bold colours, do away with a theme and let your r little child choose the basic colour tone or pattern. Yellow s work well as wallpaper and are generally unisex in nature.
- Personalise this space—let the kids go crazy. A collage of pl artworks and trophies serves as the best decor accent in room. Not only will it make the room look colourful, it also s as a platform for your children's talents.

IT'S ALL HARD WORK!

utilise maximum space.

Let your children's room spread out by installing a work that runs along an entire wall. Suspended corner desks pri workspace without taking up room. Movable drawer pacl casters with multiple drawers work as storage. "Use a C board for the counter or keep a glass over the wood for maintenance. You can also opt for a PU finish for the furn height to doodle and have fun," says Sonica.

For younger children, keep whiteboards and green boards at CUT THE CLUTTER The secret to a storage-packed bedroom is providing to organisation spaces without making things look cluttered. L. bed drawers and hidden headboard shelves store inconspicuously. Lots of shelving on the walls is another optimakes everyone's lives easier and less stressful when thing

organised and clean. Floor to ceiling shelving is a clever wi