

Contributing Editor ROOM SERVICE



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I've been working with Lori and Brian Crowder for a while now, and have touched about every space in their Southpark home.

The most recent room we tackled was Finley's nursery, their baby girl. Lori felt like her room needed some attention and I had to agree, having recently completed her son's space - after all, fair is fair!

Throughout the downstairs we used purple as an accent color, and Maggie, who took the lead on this design, incorporated that same pop of color as inspiration in the design of this space. Strong, saturated purples with a big dose of navy and hot pink are a big change from the pastels of Finley's former nursery.

Maggie started by choosing graphic wallpaper with purple, pink and navy, and placed the paper on opposing walls so it doesn't seem

overwhelming, yet still gives punch to the focal wall - which will soon house Finley's big-girl bed. In fact, all the items in this room are intended to grow with Finley, including a more sophisticated side chair and bookcase, the large pouf (that all 'tweens want) and a mid-century campaign-style dresser.

The large art over the crib was an easy DIY and age appropriate for the moment, but can easily be switched out when that new bed arrives.

Using two bold prints in the rug and the wallpaper, Maggie wanted to keep the curtains and chair more subtle, and then filtered in accessories that didn't overpower any of the design. Keeping the two sidewalls pale grey helped keep the room balanced and clean.

Their time as babies is fleeting, so it's a great idea to think about the longevity of a nursery, designing it to grow with the child.◆

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