

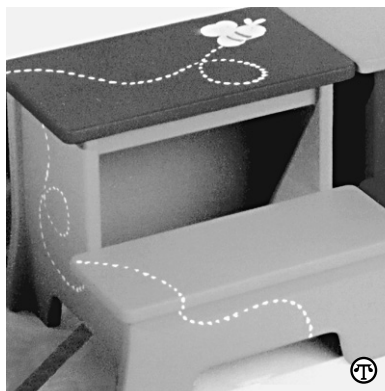
Decorating Trends

How To Make Painting Child's Play

(NAPSA)—Most parents liked the way their childhood room was decorated, but didn't have a hand in decorating it themselves, according to a recent survey of homeowners. Yet more than 90 percent of these parents said they would let their child choose a color for his or her room. If you plan to let your young decorator pick the color for his or her walls, using paint with a child-inspired color palette may help make their decision easier. Such paints often come in kid-friendly colors and sometimes come with suggested projects that can make painting more fun.

For example, a new color collection includes 160 unique colors designed with children's preferences in mind. It uses Disney-inspired names ranging from "Mickey Pants" and "Pooh Corner" to "Dandelion for Roo" and "Christopher Robin's Swing." Specially designed character-inspired project cards feature six different themes such as the Mickey Collection and Princess Collection. The cards also include color palettes, do-it-yourself projects with step-by-step instructions, and Disney-inspired room photography.

Disney Color by Behr accompanies a series of products in the Disney Home Collection that



Making this "Silly Old Stepstool" can be a fun, kid-friendly decorating project.

includes stencils and paint stamps. The products can be used to dress a room or create accent pieces such as this stepstool project.

"Silly Old Stepstool"—Start with a basic wooden stepstool.

1. Paint the top step "Storytime Blue."

2. Paint the other stool sides "Blue Wonder."

3. After the stepstool has dried thoroughly, decorate with the Bee Stamp, from the Disney Home Collection. Apply "Sunny Spot" on the surface of the Bee Stamp with a sponge stencil brush. Use only a thin layer of paint, evenly distributed on the stamp.



New child-inspired color palettes can help kids brush up the appearance of their rooms.

4. Place stamp onto the surface and press in place with light finger pressure over the entire back. Lift stamp straight up.

5. Reapply paint onto stamp for additional bees.

6. To create the "bee trail," use the tip of a thin paintbrush to make dots or dashes with "Bother Free Blue." Connect bee trail from top step, down the sides of the stool, right down to the bottom steps.

The children's colors in the Disney Color by Behr collection accompany the launch of the brand's new Behr Premium Plus paint program available only at The Home Depot. This provides solutions for painting projects and assistance in color selection and coordination. For more information, visit www.behr.com.