

STYLE WATCH



Babe in the Woods

WOODSY WALLPAPER AND EARTHY NEUTRALS MAKE FOR A MAGICAL NURSERY SLATED TO BECOME A GUEST BEDROOM, SOMEDAY.

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If a room, especially a child's bedroom, can't grow with you, I haven't done my job," Lindsey Crowley says. As a parent to four children younger than 7, the founder of Lindsey Crowley Interiors knows a thing or two about designing nurseries that can flex. Her secret? Choosing investment pieces that can be used in later iterations of the room—this nursery in Dover is targeted to become a guest room later—or elsewhere in the home. Pieces not necessary for the long haul, such as the crib, or ones sure to be ruined, such as the rug, can be more affordable.

1 Crowley wrapped the room in a forest **wallpaper** by Bunny Williams for Lee Jofa. "It brings in the surrounding trees but not too literally," she says. "It's a soft, almost abstract backdrop."

2 **Drapery** in a tiny, textural polka dot fabric by Zak+Fox accentuates the earthy, tone-on-tone scheme. Trim and pinch-pleats lend a finished look that isn't overly sophisticated but still suits a guest bedroom. And, the drapes are neutral enough to work with almost any decor.

3 The rattan **lighting** incorporates natural texture, different shapes, and bits of brass. "Juxtaposition makes a room feel interesting, so I always include a variety of forms, periods, and styles," Crowley says.

4 Boldly saturated **artwork** by Vinça Monadé

from Hubert Cuillé took the room from sweet to cool. Burl wood frames are less serious than lacquer or gilded wood and introduce another natural material. Above the crib, an abstract by Holly Addi from Libby Silvia Artstyle is equally unexpected. The blanket and pillows, removed when baby is in the crib,

5 The wool **rug** from Lulu and Georgia has an irregular grid pattern that anchors the room and plays against the wallpaper's loose movement. Plus, it's soft, doesn't shed, and hides spills.

6 The natural shearling **chair** and ottoman from Crate & Barrel are scrumptious. "The chair in a nursery is so important," Crowley says. "I know she's cuddling that baby in it, all day, every day." The plaster side table is practical and sturdy.