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# Color Me Beautiful

*Tie a room together with color.*

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WHAT MAKES THESE BOLD PRINTS and stripes work well together? The perfect pairing of scale and sophistication as well as the repetition of color. Joe Lucas and Parrish Chikot of Lucas Design, Inc. designed this double-duty room with comfort and versatility in mind. The nursery/guest room called for more than simply pink or blue. "We design nursery and kids' rooms as sophisticated and whimsical. We try to make the rooms in lots of colors so they can easily transform as the child grows," Joe says.

## Get the Look:

- Use big, bold patterns. The scale is important to balance the different elements in the room. To keep things interesting, don't be afraid to use splashes of wild prints, like those on the throw pillows on the bed.
- Repeat colors found in the fabrics throughout the room. Paint and furniture colors should also be found in the patterned fabrics. Use a rug that has all of the colors and anchors the room. Everything in this space is in the same color palette, but nothing is matchy-matchy.
- Create a focal point on one wall. When a room employs bold patterns it needs this strong statement area. The area above the day bed, with its deep-brown paint and framed display, brings a strong focal point to the room. The prints are vintage-style alphabet cards that were custom-framed by Harbinger L.A. They, too, echo the colors in the room.

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