Truck leads to adventure

By CORINNE ABATT

Ryan Golden, 2, often kisses his mother, Kathy, goodbye, tells her he's leaving for Chicago or Santa Fe, goes up to his bedroom, picks up his overlight case, climbs into the cab of his truck and takes off. Well, at least in Ryan's world, he is rolling west in a big red and blue truck, tooting at friends, watching the curves, keeping both hands on the wheel.

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His parents knew more than a year ago that their first born was fascinated by trucks — he can name makes, types and parts.

Kathy Golden wanted to do something special for Ryan, particularly since a younger brother, Adam, nine months, was sure to steal a smidge of the limitation.

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So, for Ryan's bedroom in the new home, she designed a pick-up truck bed, complete with storage units for toys, and drawers for personal belongings—spaces for storing just about everything a young-ster could need or want.

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Her design was carefully done, her specifications exact down to the location of a dip in the toy box wall so the lid wouldn't come banging down on little hands.

THE UNIT, which takes up the major portion of the room, was designed in sections so that it can be expented; into decriture units as Ryan gets older. He will still have storage boxes, a complete single ded (with ladder at the back in case he ever wants to turn the truck into a fire engine) and matching chests of drawers.

When the drawings were completed, Mrs. Golden got bids on building the project. She made it as child proof as posssible and included many things to appeal to a growing boy. Odometer and other parts of the instrument panel as well as head lights are painted on. Ryan's name on the cab door establishes ownership clear. The steering wheel is smoothe and easy to spin around. A radio may be added later when his parents feel it's appropiate.

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signing unusual furniture triggers creativity. She may keep that for a future career when Ryan means it when he says good bye and takes off in a car for Chicago.

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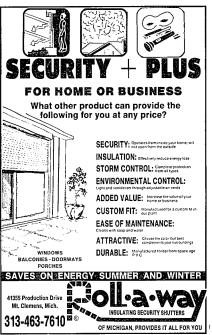


*Example: 12x18 Living Room, 3x12 Hallway

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