

## Variety

### Mix and match in kids' rooms

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**P**arents know their children are that most fickle of creatures. The adolescent son who hung NBA posters on his wall last week may be clearing space for stereo equipment tomorrow.

It's no wonder that in the juvenile to teen home furnishings market, eclectic as a decorating scheme has taken over from carefully contrived period bedrooms.

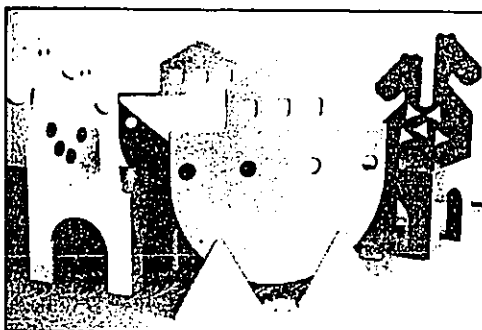
Not only is mix and match the trend, but increasing deference to the style of children is being seen by interior decorators and furniture sales personnel.

"I see a lot more negotiating between parent and child," said Donna Stevens, design director at Hudson's.

"I've also noticed our clients aren't afraid to mix materials. For example, iron has become more popular in bed styles. Whether painted or textured, it comes in various styles, such as a day bed or Palladian style."

Whether a family mixes it with laminate, wood or wicker, she said, the personality of the room comes more from the hobbies and style of the child — not one manufacturer.

"Memorabilia such as posters or dolls or other collectibles often define the tone," Stevens said. "The essentials in a growing child's room are a bed (preferably allowing a sleepover such as a



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trundle or bunk bed), a desk and a storage unit."

"One of the most popular pieces we're selling right now is the armoire," said Dave Kirk, sales representative for Baby 'N Kids Bedrooms (Novi and Rochester Hills). "Most of the designs we sell include a couple of drawers, a hanger pole and shelves. The armoires by Morigeau and Berg sell phenomenally well and all start in the \$500 range."

Morigeau offers birch pieces with stains in cherry, natural, whitewashed or champagne. Or customers can choose a white, gray or almond painted

finish. Berg's armoires are featured in a white or light oak laminate.

One of the benefits of an armoire is that it can hide a multitude of sins — clutter — or storage. It also can double as an entertainment center with a small television or stereo ensemble contained behind doors.

The second trend noted by Donna Stevens is that color has become adventurous and more available. Children's rooms today are not just pastels or primaries, but draw

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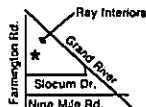
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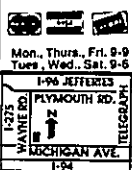
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