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3 Quick Budget Playroom Hacks

Transform toy chaos into creative play worlds — all in one weekend, on a “Thrifiers” Budget

- 3 easy hacks you can do with thrift finds or items you already own
- Inspiration for fun, themed spaces that fit your child's personality
- + Organization tips that make kids excited to clean up





3 Easy Hacks

you can do with \$ Store, thrift finds or items you already own...

1) Turn an ordinary bookshelf into a themed shelf.



- Paint in your theme colours
- Add a themed Cut-out / Decal or partially deflated themed blow-up taped to wall



- Add a Crown or Castle Top
- Use theme coloured fabric boxes



- Use lighting to create a Space Theme





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2) Create a play or learning station



- Use an old table top or large plastic container - fill with pebbles or line with felt and create a Dino World



- Use a Blackboard or Fabric to create a Solar System with painted balls for planets and playdough rocks for meteors



- Create a Dress-up area for Princesses



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3) Transform a closet



- Paint with your theme colours - add an old nightstand
- Use theme Decals on doors & bins



- Paint old wardrobes & add glow lighting or chandeliers



- Add Decals or a Mural to closet doors





Organization Tips

that make kids excited to clean up...

- A place for everything and everything in it's place...
 - Label bins for different types of toys, pieces, books. Use Name Tags and / or pictures / cut-outs / decals to describe what lives in the different bins
 - Use clear or colour coded bins
 - Have designated areas for different types of play / learning. Kitchen, Building, Craft, Exploring areas
 - Ensure children can reach the storage areas





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Organization Tips

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- Rotate Toys / Books
 - Rotate toys or books seasonally keeping “favourites” and removing some for later to reduce excess
 - Divide up between those to keep, those to give away or those to go to trash and involve them in trip to Thrift Store or Goodwill drop off to encourage sharing
 - Use totes / bags or pillow cases to store keepable items in and place on higher shelves, closets or under bed storage
 - Depending on their age involve them in choosing their favourites to keep out in playroom
 - Rotate play areas if possible to freshen up and encourage tidy up





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- Better Together... Make it Fun!
 - Put on some happy music
 - Make up a special “clean up” song
 - Involve them in cleaning - use their own brooms, play vacuums
 - Set a timer for completion time or breaks
 - Reward by a family fun outing after project clean-up is completed
 - Reward by picking out 1 or 2 “new to them” toy / book at the Thrift / Goodwill Store they dropped their “gifted” items off at.





Create Kindred Spaces

Personalize your child's room to their preferences of, toys, games and learning areas in themes they enjoy

- Age appropriate now but also how will their room age with them?
 - Will a young child loving dinosaurs grow into a pre-teen or teen that explores geodes & fossils?
 - Will a young Princess theme turn into a Teens Paris theme?
 - Will a young Space Explorer dream of joining a Space Program?





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Create Kindred Spaces

Check out our Kindred Spaces E-Books @
TheNannaBlog.ca/The-Adventure-Shoppe

Complete with overview of “Why Kids Thrive in Personalized Play Spaces” and

- ✓ How to plan & graph out a room,
- ✓ Develop a colour palette
- ✓ Checklist of items you have vs those you will want to thrift, build or buy
- ✓ Bed themed ideas
- ✓ Closet themed ideas
- ✓ Play, craft and learning centre themed ideas
- ✓ Online Purchasing Options (Canada)
- ✓ Places to explore your child's theme interests (Canada)
- ✓ Themed Go-Bags for travel, outings or dining out



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