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Tips for





family-friendly DESIGN

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Get Organized with Increased Storage

Keeping your home organized by investing in storage baskets, “catch-all” spaces, and areas where you can place miscellaneous items is one way to create the perfect family-friendly haven where everything has a place. Furniture with hidden storage, such as beds with built-in drawers or ottomans that lift to reveal space inside, are excellent touches to make your home both beautiful and organized.

Entryway rooms that feature space for shoes, keys, and mail will allow you to set your things down where they belong, and as an added bonus, you’ll always be able to find them! Think about what you need when you come and go from your home. Choose multifaceted decor pieces that provide you with both a feeling of happiness when you see them, as well as the space you need for your things.

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Think About Inclusive Elements

Making your house feel more like a home by adding inclusive elements that truly make it feel warm and inviting for any child, adult, or family member is an excellent way to establish a family-friendly design. Shift your perspective from raw design to a vision that includes the things that make you happy. Kids’ artwork set out for display in a charming frame is one way to provide family-friendly touches that make your space feel like home for everyone. Plus, the whole family will be proud when they see their accomplishments set out for all to see!

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Opt for an Open Concept

An open-concept home is one of the top trends for constructing a design that works for any family. With sight lines from the kitchen through the dining and living room, you can keep an eye on your little ones and have conversations, all while continuing to work on the task at hand. You'll also benefit from the unified design that can be achieved in these spaces, all the natural light that flows through on a sunny day, and the ability to create a warm, inviting focal point in your home.

Open-concept layouts offer the flexibility and adaptability of a space that truly works with any activity, whether it's kid- or adult-focused! They are tasteful, versatile, and sophisticated—an ideal way to get a family-friendly look and feel.

Invest in Family-forward Flooring

Flooring is an essential piece of the puzzle to any functional home design. For the highest-performing family-friendly spaces, consider luxury vinyl for the main areas, soft, stain-resistant carpet for kids' rooms and playrooms, and avoid light-colored area rugs that show dirt and debris.

The hard surface of luxury vinyl offers a charming look to your space, while the durability and stain-resistance of the floor offer you the practicality you need in a home with children. Plus, it doesn't just perform well in a home with kids; it also adds elegance and refined flair to your home design, whether you're looking to create a contemporary oasis or a modern farmhouse.

Soft, stain-resistant carpet in both children's bedrooms and playrooms brings warmth, comfort, and safety. Babies and toddlers will be able to explore the world by feeling the fibers of carpet between their little fingers, while older children will find that the carpet flooring is the perfect spot to lie down and read a new book.

Area rugs that feature primarily bright white, light yellow, or soft gray hues should be avoided, if possible. They are simply ideal for areas where dust, dirt, and stains are common, which is why heavily patterned rugs with deeper colors are a much better alternative.

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Add Intentional Space

With kids, you never know when an activity is going to break out. By leaving some space to rearrange the furniture on movie night, game night, or for a midday dance party, you'll be ready to turn your home into the perfect spot for any family-friendly occasion.

Use furniture that's the right size for your room to ensure you have the right amount of space. Oversized couches quickly make a room look smaller than it is and usually leave less square footage for coffee tables or other accessories. Crowding the room with tons of seating when it will only be used occasionally can also become a hassle. Instead, choose multi-functional furniture or storage that doubles as seating, such as storage stools or window seats.

Keep it Comfortable

Whether you prefer soft, cozy blankets, extra decorative pillows, or comfortable seating, make your home into a space you never want to leave. Kids and adults alike will love the added warmth, and when you're spending time making memories, you won't have to worry about moving to another room to find a more comfortable spot to sit.

Dining room chairs are available in tons of designs and styles, so consider the chairs that feature increased cushion and comfort. After all, you never know when your game night will go on for hours at the dining room table! Similarly, your accent chair shouldn't just be a pretty piece, but also one that your family members enjoy using during movie night!

Find Fun Décor and Designs

Just like the spontaneous fun you have with your children, it's just as important to have fun with your home design. Textured wallpaper, a unique backsplash, or a herringbone tile pattern will bring visual interest to your design without hijacking the overall concept. Statement pieces like bright artwork or fashion-forward décor can be changed easily as your design style evolves, and these fun statements will add even more depth to the cohesive look of your space. They may even become your favorite conversation starters!

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Embrace Easy-Care Surfaces

For both kids and adults, spills and accidents are bound to happen. Whether it's a sippy cup of milk on the floor or red wine on the counter, there's no telling when or where a mishap will occur. To make the most of your family-friendly home, opt for stain-resistant upholstery and fabrics. Blankets, couches, and even dining room chairs should be easy to clean so you can get back to your fun-filled activities as soon as possible without the worry of stains.

Satin finish wall paint is another top choice for creating the perfect family-friendly space. Matte or flat finish paints are tough to keep clean; the paint will come right off with the dirt and debris on the wall. Glossy paint finishes tend to show every imperfection on your walls and are simply too shiny for most interior spaces. Satin finishes, on the other hand, offer a unique balance of beauty, shine, and easy maintenance.

Curate Creative Spaces

What kinds of activities will take place in your home? Homework, craft projects, or board games should all have their place in your space, but where will that space be? Create an area that can double as a few different spaces, whether it's time to start prepping for dinner or time to break out your favorite puzzle.

Kitchen islands are a trendy, useful addition to any home, and they can double as the perfect spot for homework and artwork, especially if you want to keep the kids busy while you're in the kitchen. Islands also work well for gathering around a birthday cake, allowing everyone to join in the fun.

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