

Pottery Barn Kids, Spring 2008



I love the idea of white stars on a solid background, especially with patchwork. This would inspire me to do a star background on a bulletin board, with a patchwork border.



The island feel to this bedspread has me immediately thinking of the beach. I love the red, orange and blue, with the muted green thrown in. Very easy to find these prints at JoAnns.



Polka dots and stripes are my new favorites. What if you had polka dot rugs around your room (take a solid color rug and drop spots of white paint on it), or solid color rugs placed around your room like polka dots?



Curtains! There are so many ways to hang them in your classroom. You can go sheer to let light in, or use a solid cotton or flannel to keep the light out.



Attach cute items to the end of your curtain rods for fun.



Use ribbons to hang your piece of sheer or solid fabric in front of the window.



Use clips with loops at the other end for a super simple hanging technique (be careful that the kids don't tug when they close the curtains).



Punch holes in the top of the fabric and simply poke the rod through.



Find some cute metal buckets at the dollar store (or WalMart) and paint them bright colors.



Find inexpensive picture frames and hang them above your stations with cute ribbon (look at IKEA or the dollar store).

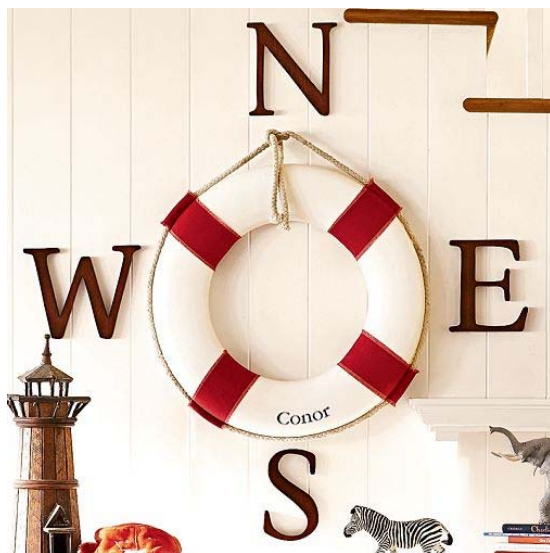


I'm all about asking for old lamps on freecycle.org and then painting the base and shade in bright, colorful designs. Place these around your room for a lighting situation that is easy on the eyes and feels cozy. Shut off your fluorescent lights and enjoy your room!



Craft stores sell paintable letters (wood and cardboard) of all sizes. You could put them on the north, south, east and west walls, or you could put several random letters over your writing center.

These must be the new fad this year-I've seen them everywhere. So easy to make, and they really look cool. Place brightly colored glass vases around your room, stick a few in each one and you have a beautiful garden!





Basket liners aren't difficult to make-just make an extra high tote bag and fold over the extra. You can even make them for plastic storage bins if you can't afford the wood baskets.



This cubby system could be made with a few pieces of donated wood from the local Home Depot (wear lots of mascara and bat your eyes, ladies). Take some wood stain or paint to it, and you've got a cubby system.



I love how clear the labels on the boxes are. This could work for plastic storage containers-large, clear labels are beautiful!



Cut ovals of black construction paper out and hang from baskets or plastic shoeboxes (punch two small holes in them)