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5.30%	5.30%	5.49%	5.55%	5.80%	5.90%	5.99%	5.99%	5.54%

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Sit on the globe

For kids who won't sit still, the spindly Globe Chair has the right amount of room squirm or share. Urban Barn, \$1,945, urbanbarn.com.
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5-year variable mortgage rates
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BMO	CIBC	HSBC	ICICI	ING	RBC	Scotiabank	TD	Broker
5.15%	5.25%	5.25%	5.50%	5.95%	5.15%	5.15%	5.15%	5.85%

Family time in the family room

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for Metro Canada

Having kids doesn't mean having to abandon design.

Style can still play a pre-eminent role in rooms that nurture overall wellbeing, familial love and creativity. Create a space that doubles as an enhanced place of learning — decorate with retro-style games such as a chess board to engage kids in active play, integrate a chalkboard so little ones can write, or place stylish items that double as educational tools, such as an antique globe or recycled knickknacks.

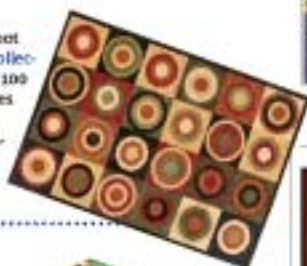
Incorporate ample storage so the room doesn't become a circus and tripping zone.

"Selecting storage units in a finish that coordinates with other pieces in the room helps to create a cohesive aesthetic and is functional," Celia Tejada, senior vice president, product design and development for Pottery Barn Kids said. "Populating the storage units with baskets in various sizes paired with colourful liners provides a clean look plus the pop of colour kids love."

Store toys and books low so kids won't feel the urge to climb and they can put everything away too. A storage ottoman is a versatile piece for kids to climb on, guests to sit, for Dad to put his feet, and a place to keep toys and books.



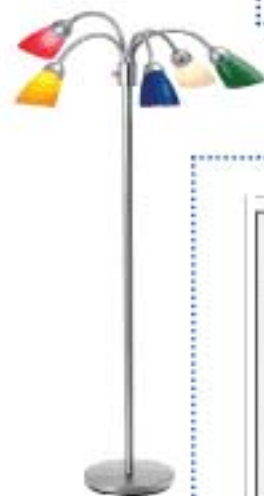
This HC Fabric Bench is made of micro-suede fabric with espresso finish legs and removable top cushion to store toys and games. Canadian Tire, \$499.99, canadiantire.ca.



This contemporary 50½-foot Jacquard-woven Home Collections Orbit Rug, made of 100 per cent olefin pile, evokes memories of hopscotch and jacks and makes curling up on the floor fun. Canadian Tire, \$129.99, canadiantire.ca.



Educate the kids about what went into crafting this Tin Man Coaster Set, made from recycled tin cans by local artisans in Northern India. Urban Barn, \$18 set of five, urbanbarn.com.



This 65-inch Medusa five-head Floor Lamp has five multicoloured plastic shades with gooseneck bendable arms in a silver-tone painted finish. Canadian Tire, \$49.99, canadiantire.ca.



Streamlined forms and a vast array of components allow parents and kids to organize it all with the Cameron Creativity Storage System with Art Cubbies. Pottery Barn Kids, \$1,899, potterybarnkids.com.



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