

Teen Rooms with Star Power!

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Is your teen more Gossip Girl or Glee? The Breakfast Club or Twilight? The shows or movies they love inspired these fun bedroom designs!

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Style: The Star

The Inspiration: Rachel Berry (Lea Michele) *Glee*

For the teen whose talent is as big as her rock 'n' roll dreams, like *Glee*'s Rachel Berry, a bedroom reflecting visions of stardom fits the bill. Whether it's a room designed to look like the interior of a luxe tour bus or an over-the-top theatrical Lady Gaga-like dressing room, the design is all in the details.

Look for lighted mirrors or small light-up signs as accents. Costumes—feather boas, bodices, capes, kimonos—can be displayed on walls or draped over a bed. Paint walls a color, but use silvery wallpaper on the ceiling to reflect light, says designer **Jennifer Ellen Frank of Anasa Interiors**, New York: "I figure they're always lying in bed and talking on the phone, so they might as well as stare up at something interesting."

Style: The Smart Aleck

The Inspiration: Ferris Bueller (Matthew Broderick) *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*

For kids (male or female) like Ferris Bueller—the computer whiz who used his tech-savvy skills to engineer one of the most memorable days off ever—chalkboard paint offers the opportunity to let those creative ideas fly. If painting walls in black chalkboard is too extreme for your taste, look for large blackboards or bulletin boards. The most popular elements in boys' rooms these days include stripes, blue and green accent colors, and plenty of cubicles and desk space to keep computers and games organized, says **Manhattan designer Jennifer Ellen Frank**. It's enough to inspire Ferris to stay home.

Style: The Bohemian

The Inspiration: Alice Cullen (Ashley Greene) *Twilight*

Floaty fabrics, mismatched prints, fringe, beads—they're all essential ingredients of the bohemian ("boho") look captured so well by vampire Alice Cullen of the *Twilight* series. If you've got a free-spirited teen at home, think about creating a bedspread using vintage scarves or silky Indian sari fabrics. Accent with embroidered, beaded throw pillows and a furry rug, says **designer Jennifer Ellen Frank**. Use fabric panels hung from the ceiling to create the look and feel of a gypsy tent, and consider replacing closet doors with a long, beaded curtain. A fringe of beaded trim around the edge of a lampshade adds a nice touch, too.

Style: The Sassy Homebody

The Inspiration: Miley Ray Stewart (Miley Cyrus) *Hannah Montana*

For the almost-grownup teen who loves adult sophistication *and* the simple, sweet style of childhood, the ideal room will reflect that dual personality with warmth and creativity. Miley remains firmly rooted in her Tennessee childhood and would feel right at home in a country-style room with both vintage and modern elements. Design a room around things your teen loves, whether it's vintage handbags or black riding boots or old postcards. Kids really need to

express themselves with their rooms, says designer **Jennifer Ellen Frank**: "If they can't do it as teenagers, it's not going to happen as they get older. Adolescence is a really creative stage."

For an American folk look, take inspiration from a quilt or vintage throw pillow and stencil a design element on the headboard. Paint the hardwood floor a soft gray or cream. Other touches: little antique silhouette pictures, lacy bed skirts, and painted wooden chairs.