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# Kids, Incorporated

Comfy furniture, lots of storage, and bright colors make for an all-ages office where the line between work and family time is happily blurred.

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In their reconfigured, redecorated home office in Atlanta, twins Evan and Ava, 5, color while brother Dallas, 4, hangs out near his mom, interior designer Erika Ward.



**Family business.** “Before, I was always saying ‘Get out of there’ and ‘Don’t touch that,’” mom and interior designer Erika Ward says of her home office. That was before a big worktable, kid-height storage, and splashes of color took the space from adults-only to family-friendly. “Now the kids can draw or work on their handwriting right next to me,” Erika says.



**Able top**

Topping the worktable (actually an inexpensive dining table), *above*, with fabric and glass yields a stylish surface that stands up to modeling clay, markers, and toy cars.

**Hip to be square**

A bookshelf with cubbies, *left*, not only looks neat, it begets neatness. Each cubby has a theme—books, magazines, photography gear, art supplies—so it’s easy to put things back. Colorfully and smartly stocked, the unit serves as a visual and functional focal point.

**The lowdown**

Set up little ones for success by storing their stuff low. One kid-height cubby is designated for library books, and another holds a caddy of help-yourself art supplies.

**Easy ID**

Matching boxes and baskets create a cohesive look, and big colorful labels answer the “what’s in it?” question.

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