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- Joanne Fitzgerald, Designer

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THE HOMEOWNERS

"This pleasant 15-by-12-foot room gets a lot of daylight through the double windows...but [it's] never really put to use," Jeanne Briskin writes in an e-mail. The basement space is a storage area, but the couple wants to transform it into a playroom for their two young kids and an office for Briskin. Multiple doorways and a staircase make arranging furniture difficult.

DESIGNER'S CRITIQUE

In a kids' room, inject fun colors to energize the space. Durable materials are also crucial. This includes laying down carpet tiles and slipcovering a sofa bed. Also, consider plenty of storage options for paper files and toys.

- [Syntha Harris](#) of Storybook Rooms in Potomac, 301-365-6900