

winner Kids' Playspace

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rustic retreat



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When her clients decided to build a vacation home in Montana, Karen Bow was all in. "This was a ground-up house—there wasn't one thing that wasn't picked out or obsessed over," she says. For the family's three teenagers and their friends, this lower-level kids' space was designed to be "very comfortable, very practical, but still quite beautiful," Bow says. "I wanted to embrace the Montana genre but make it younger and fresher throughout the house. We went for rustic modern."

Enveloped in rich colors and bold textures, this hangout space is truly a teenage dream. In the main space, a warm leather sectional and a large leather bear provide comfortable seating for watching movies, and a durable vintage rug from ABC Carpet grounds the seating area while hiding any spills. Gaming options include pool, foosball and arcade games, and the candy bar, topped with leathered granite and accented with a cut-log feature, is stocked with plenty of drinks, snacks and ice cream when cravings arise. In the adjacent sleeping quarters, six distressed teal queen-size bunk beds are dressed in West Elm bedding and accessorized with reading lights and charging stations for sleepovers.

For a touch of sheen, metallic woodgrain wallpaper throughout the main space reflects the natural light this walk-out lower level receives, and textural Élitis wallpaper in the bunk room provides a graphic element. Ample storage can be found in the drawers under the beds and hidden in the steps of the stairway to the upper level. Looking at the finished space and the rest of the house, Bow remains in awe. "This project was nothing short of fantastic." —LF

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Echoing other rustic elements in the space, the wood coffee table was purchased off the floor at Lillian August. A Cisco Home lighted billiard ball sign was a playful addition to the décor, as was the Schoolhouse Electric light fixture in the bunk room.

