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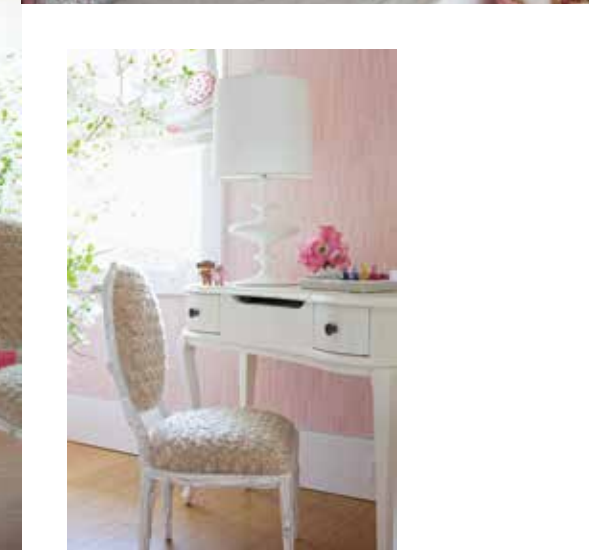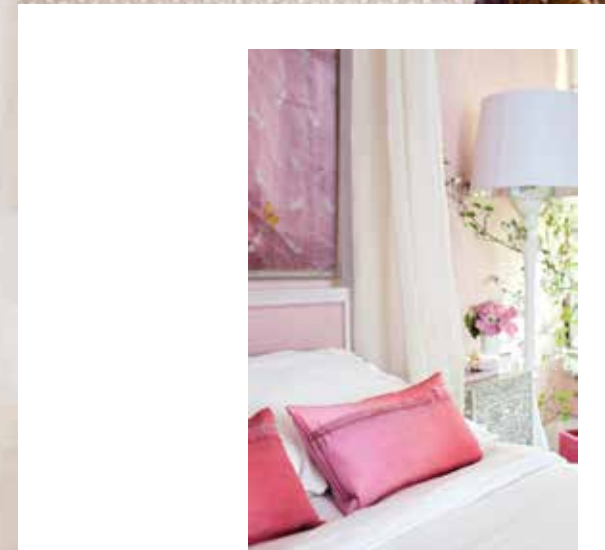
Although designed for a little girl, the room's luxurious details, interesting textures, and sophisticated fabrics add a "big-girl" touch.

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When it comes to creating her signature children's rooms, designer Karen Bow is known for her playful use of color. But for the bedroom in this Greenwich home, she chose a quieter, more romantic palette. "The mother wanted a luxurious little girl's room that was peaceful and soft," says Bow. "She also wanted something with longevity." To achieve both objectives, Bow first designed a cozy, custom built-in with a settee that can double as a bed for sleepovers, bookshelves on one side, and storage space underneath. "It really helped bring the ceiling down," she says. "It's a place to hang out, read, play with friends." To achieve a youthful look, she incorporated soothing tones of peach and coral, cream and taupe, and layered a variety of patterns and textures: peach raffia-covered walls, a rose felt headboard, a white resin chair covered with faux lamb's wool, Designer Guild window treatments in a lighthearted floral, and a David Hicks rug with a sweet flower-petal design. Moroccan nightstands and a vintage lighting fixture are sophisticated elements that add a worldly appeal. The custom DucDuc four-poster bed, set just nineteen inches off the ground, has a streamlined modern silhouette. Bow draped it with white scrims trimmed with butterflies, which can be closed to create a magical play area. "It's the perfect height now for a little girl," says Bow. "But it's a modern piece that will work nicely as the room transitions to a big-girl's room over time."—*JM*