

# winner **Kids' Bedroom**



**KAREN BOW INTERIORS**

## hero haven

For this superhero-inspired bedroom, Karen Bow called on her creative powers to fulfill two missions—design a space that perfectly suits a three-year-old boy today while ensuring that the room could easily house a young man when the time comes. “We wanted it to be a room he would thoroughly love, but also something he could grow into,” Bow says.

Inspired by the young client’s favorite superhero, touches of “Hulk” green punctuate the transitional space’s serene palette of grays and black. When it came to fabrics and finishes, comfort and durability were key—the wool rug is incredibly soft and light on the feet, while washable vinyl wallpaper makes it easy to wipe away fingerprints. The flannel padded headboard on the queen-size bed provides a gentle place to rest his head, and a custom-designed “H” bookcase,

a nod to the boy’s last name, neatly displays his collection of action figures.

The superhero theme was also subtly infused into the perfectly scaled custom furnishings. From the nightstands belted in leather, to the “Krypton-esque” clocks over the bed, to the asymmetrical ultrasuede tufted sofa, each piece plays to the theme while effortlessly bridging the gap between young boy and young man. The specially commissioned artwork by CANTSTOPGOODBOY elevates the room further with its colorful layered imagery of various superheroes. Years from now, the vibrant pieces will look equally at home in the boy’s first apartment, and that’s just what Bow envisioned. “I like that the choices we made were bold, not safe, and yet it’s a very quiet room,” she says. “It’s mature but with a real youthful essence to it.” —LF

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The black-painted ceiling visually connects the room to the black staircase just outside. A tray off the end of the sofa is the perfect place to hold a drink or snack, and an aluminum toy bag holds fun diversions. **opposite:** Showcased on graphic vinyl wallpaper, three clocks behind the bed add architectural interest and can help the boy learn to tell time in the future.

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