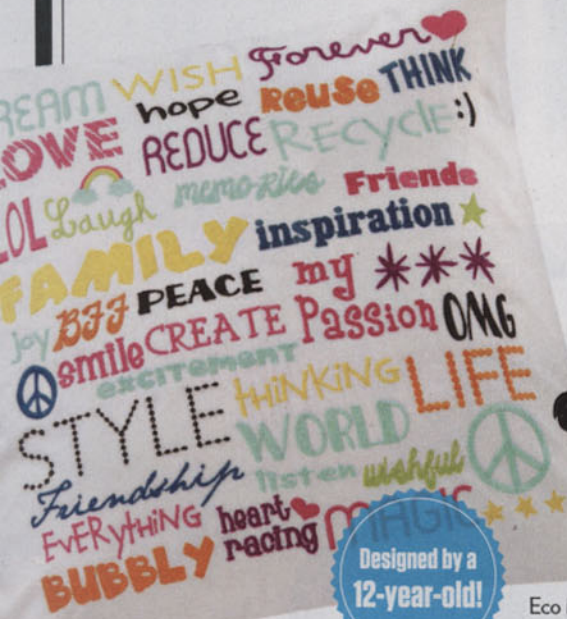


→ BY KATE DOHERTY



Designed by a 12-year-old!

Eco Message pillow cover, pbteen.com, \$29



Swivel chair, Office Star, kohls.com, \$155

PRO pointers

Remember, decorating is all about self-expression. Set up the basics in kids' bedrooms, then let their personality shine through.



DREAM TEENAGE

Get them back to school in style with a few awesome accessories.



Flat-head LED desk lamp, Lite Source, lampsplus.com, \$36



Teal sofa bed, target.com, \$180



As a mom of two boys, **Susanna Salk**, author of *Room for Children* (Rizzoli), knows firsthand how to design for the tween-to-teen set. We asked for her tips.

GROUNDWORK → Start with a great rug and pull paint colors from the pattern. Make the rug comfy enough to sit on by choosing one with a thick pile or sliding a quality rug pad underneath.

come from a children's store. Kids love pieces from grown-up places like Pier 1 or Anthropologie.

ADULT THINKING → Furnishings don't have to

VIEW MASTER → Avoid collectibles chaos by letting kids keep only what can be displayed—if it's shoved in a drawer, it can't be that special.

Recent graduate Teddy Luong and designer Dennis Cheng collaborated on this stylish bird feeder. It features a pop-off lid for top-loading seeds and windows so you can monitor your feathered friends' food supply. **Bird Cafe**, umbra.com, \$25.

