

Gritty and grainy, in a good way



NEVER A DULL MOMENT | \$11
For summer-soft skin, slather on Salt'n Sea spa-strength Sugar Scrub (loveandtoast.com)—its body-buffing sugarcane has all the polishing power of pricier scrubs



PLAY IT BY EAR | \$19 EACH
Instantly transform a cell phone or an iPod into a song-sharing stereo with these battery-powered, portable mini speakers (pbteen.com). Just plug and play for communal music on the go



SHINING STAR | \$34
Faster and more foolproof than fake tanner, the subtly shimmery peach and pink powders in Estée Lauder's Sea Star Bronzing Blush (department stores) will give you a sun-kissed glow in seconds



PRETTY PINS | \$1 FOR FOUR
Too charming for laundry: Use these Treasures by Shabby Chic clothespins (Michaels) indoors to close chip bags or clip desktop papers

\$40
and Under
Treats for You

the good list

SEVEN PLACES TO SHOP FOR BUILDING BLOCKS

Where to find no-growing-pains pieces your children will love

COMPANY KIDS

Fun, affordable furniture—like a tufted storage bench for \$189 and a mini club chair for \$200—is standard at this Company Store spin-off

IKEA

Head here for stylish steals with thoughtful extras, like a twin bed

with storage drawers for \$149 and a desk, *right*, that has the perfect spot for coralling pesky cords

JCPENNEY

Besides the array of bright bedding (twin sets start at \$60), chic, petite pieces such as a \$379 Chris Madden mirrored

nightstand look more luxe than the price tags suggest

PB TEEN

A mecca for all things teenage yet tasteful, this junior Pottery Barn has grown-up-approved furnishings and plenty of on-trend accents (see two at right)

KOHL'S

Upholstered storage ottomans starting around \$40, cushy butterfly chairs (\$60), and other loungey essentials abound at this chain

TARGET

Right on the mark for kids: this discount mega-store's

ever-changing stock of fresh accessories, like sizable rugs for under \$100

THRIFT STORES

Don't write off castoffs. Goodwill or Salvation Army furniture + fresh paint + new knobs = custom kid creations

PATTERN PLAY

7 Pick prints with purpose: A polka dot bench pops against white linens and a zippy blue bed, while a subtle rug adds a little lift—and none will be outgrown too quickly. See-through Lucite and cutout silhouettes don't crowd the space



TWEEN SCENE

Warning: These thrifty, trendy buys may keep the words "go to your room" from being a punishment

LIGHT BRIGHT

Big on style but small in scale (16½ inches tall), this slim turquoise stunner (\$80, Target) will look shapely on a nightstand or dresser—without adding bulk



LEAN ON ME

The monogrammed pillow with a tailored ribbon border (\$32, PB Teen; comes in eight colors) balances a fanciful two-sided butterfly cushion (\$36, Cupcakes and Cartwheels)—the front is embroidered, the back an irresistible print



MIRROR, MIRROR

Your child can reflect his or her personality along the cork border of this mirror (\$59, PB Teen). Umbra's flower pins (\$20 for 25) come in handy



UNDER COVER

Open, IKEA's desk (\$159) has plenty of pockets for pens and paper. Closed, it's an instant homework surface

HIP HOLDERS

Magazines or toys will live happily—and be at-a-grab handy—in an open bin (\$13, Marshalls); hide-away objects—think seasonal gear—are better in a closed case (\$100, Kohl's)



SLEEP ON IT

In a warm washed-teak finish, Powell's storage-packed bed (\$899) keeps whatever your teen needs close (and whatever he doesn't, out of sight)



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