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Favorite food? Pizza

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Favorite color? Pink

Favorite restaurant? Chipotle

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Favorite thing to do in your room?

Favorite place to go? The beach

Age: 5

Whether sensitive and shy or loud and outgoing, every kid's personality is different. See how three designers created youthful yet sophisticated spaces that capture their individuality

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Olivia's Room

For designer Fran Keenan, decorating Olivia Vance's room was all about creating a space that would still be relevant as she moves into her teen years.

Why we love it:

Well-balanced: A custom upholstered bed with canopy and antique settee from Chelsea Antiques showcase traditional notions while girly prints infuse contemporary spirit. Modern light-fixtures add to the welcome tension. Fran offset the cost of custom upholstery and designer fabrics with a West Elm duvet and shams and furniture from antiques and second hand shops.

Color and texture: A striped wall provides visual texture against the canopy fabric. To make the colors in the room

really pop, Fran introduced orange bedside lamps from Soho Retro. "Orange makes other colors look brighter and adds a lot of strength to a color palette," Fran says.

Secret room: The bedroom was attached to unused attic space, so Fran turned it into an art studio. Fabric hues offered the cue for the bright pink wall color. Here, a farm table and modern chairs provide a workspace while acrylic cubes offer a place for display.

Decorating tip: When in doubt of how high to hang a mirror, always hang lower rather than higher. If the mirror is too high, the eye cannot see the mirror and the items around it together without having to look up or down. "Typically I hang a mirror about six to eight inches above a sofa," Fran says.

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