

FAVOURITE SHOP

BOBO KIDS



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WHY SHOULD I GO THERE?

Once upon a time, decorating a child's bedroom was merely a matter of choosing pink for a girl or blue for a boy, throwing in a single bed and a box full of toys and remembering to shut the door on the way out. But thanks to innovators such as Niloufar Bakhtiar-Clignet and Julie Hamon, the pairing behind Bobo Kids, design-savvy parents can now harmonise the look of their child's bedroom with the rest of the house – and the kids will be alright about it. The shop stocks an eclectic mix of modern and vintage furniture and artwork that's designed for little ones but has adult appeal.

MUST-HAVE BUYS

Mums-to-be who love classic French style will soon be adding the Ambiance

collection to their list of cravings. Featuring handpainted cots, changing tables, and armoires in soft, romantic shapes, it's one of the shop's most popular lines. So, too, is the High Bed, which features space underneath for a cosy seating area where children from four upwards can hide out.

The designs at Bobo are a perfect mix of fashion and fun. You can bring out your child's inner rock chick/god with the Crème Anglaise guitar-shaped cushion, available in various patterns and shades. Alternatively, if you're living with a young Picasso, you might want to invest in some of Bobo's artwork to hang alongside your child's drawings. These include Corinne Charton's whimsical prints, which can be customised with photography of your own children, and Lizzie Allen's

screen-printed wallpaper, which features London icons such as black cabs, city gents and the royal guards at Buckingham Palace. There are also large ranges of beanbags, bedlinen, fabrics, wallpapers, rugs, and storage furniture, and Earthborn's eco-friendly paints can be bought here, too.

[Above, centre] Alice cot, \$825; Bolled wool pink rug, \$95; Muusa appliqué cushions, \$42 each

[Above, right] Mini director's chair, \$95; wooden high chair, \$180

HOW'S THE SERVICE?

The Bobo Kids shop has such a homely atmosphere you might forget you're in a shop – an effect enhanced by the staff, who will invite you to try out every chair, and leaf through wallpaper and fabric sample books as if they were family photo albums. With so much choice, you may wish to take advantage of Bobo's interior design service, which creates rooms for children aged 0-19, furnishing them with the Bobo range.



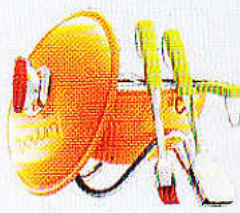
QUICK-AND-EASY BARBECUES



JL1 charcoal trolley barbecue, \$399, John Lewis (08456 049049, johnlewis.com)



Deluxe tabletop kettle barbecue, \$20, Asda (0500 100055, asda.co.uk)



Fyrkat barbecue, in a range of colours, \$35, Bodum (0845 401 7778, bodum.com)



Payless charcoal barbecue (in green), \$9.99, Focus (0800 436436, focusdiy.co.uk)



Bucket charcoal barbecue, in red, blue or green, \$9.98, B&Q (0845 850 0175, diy.com)