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Stylish, child-friendly

Terrific trick

When styling a bookshelf, remember the books! We incorporated some, leaving room for future books, along with carefully chosen accessories. Books were grouped according to color – some standing and some stacked horizontally. We pulled color from the design scheme, repeating the blue in the Foo Dogs and the book spines. Mercury glass accents repeat the silver in the floor lamp. The resulting cohesive bookshelf still leaves room for a young couple to add to their collection in future years.



Child-friendly elements include accessories displayed high on the bookshelves, a floor lamp safely tucked behind a side table and drapes on traverse rods with out-of-reach batons instead of cords.



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A wool rug is laid atop the sisal rug. The pillows add more color; the large ones can be used on the floor.

Not by the book

To layer or not to layer? Instead of getting rid of a perfectly good sisal rug, we opted to layer our new, colorful patterned rug over it. It provides the basis for our design scheme and a softer landing for little feet.

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