

Decorating a Gender Neutral Nursery

Get inspired by Interior Decorator Connie Kukura

Decorating your nursery can be an exciting experience. Even if you are not sure of your baby's gender, you can still create a wonderful nursery that is ready to welcome your little one home. Gone are the days where pink is for girls and blue is for boys. Today there are many gender neutral colours and themes. Beyond your choice for a decorating scheme however, there are a few more important things to consider before you start planning your space.

NURSERY BASICS CHECKLIST

Nursery non-negotiables include: **a crib, a quality mattress, and a changing table.** Listed below a few more things that you may want to think about.

- **Soft Bedding** – keep to a minimal, choose cotton or cotton polyester blends which work well.
- **Window Treatments** – select window treatments that fully block out light, so baby can sleep both day and night.
- **Extra Clothing Storage** – purchase a dresser or armoire that will grow with your child.
- **Comfort Underfoot** – choose comfortable easy to clean materials. A soft area rug over wood floors or carpet works well.

Choosing a **DESIGN SCHEME** for your nursery

Colour Selection

Colours that work in a gender-neutral nursery include greens, blues and buttery yellow. Trendy Greys look great when paired with a vibrant colour such as orange. One of my favorite looks is to start with neutral wall paint, which works well as a background for pops of colour.

Modern, Traditional, Vintage, or Black and White?

The style is up to you. Decorate for you and your baby with colours and styles that you can live with and love. Here are a few design inspirations for gender neutral nurseries that are sure to please both baby and you!

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Traditional



Green is a soothing yet stimulating colour that works well for a boy or girl. An accent wall of tree branch wallpaper will add a focal point to an otherwise neutral room. Add a warm carpet and beautiful chandelier for a cosy classic look.

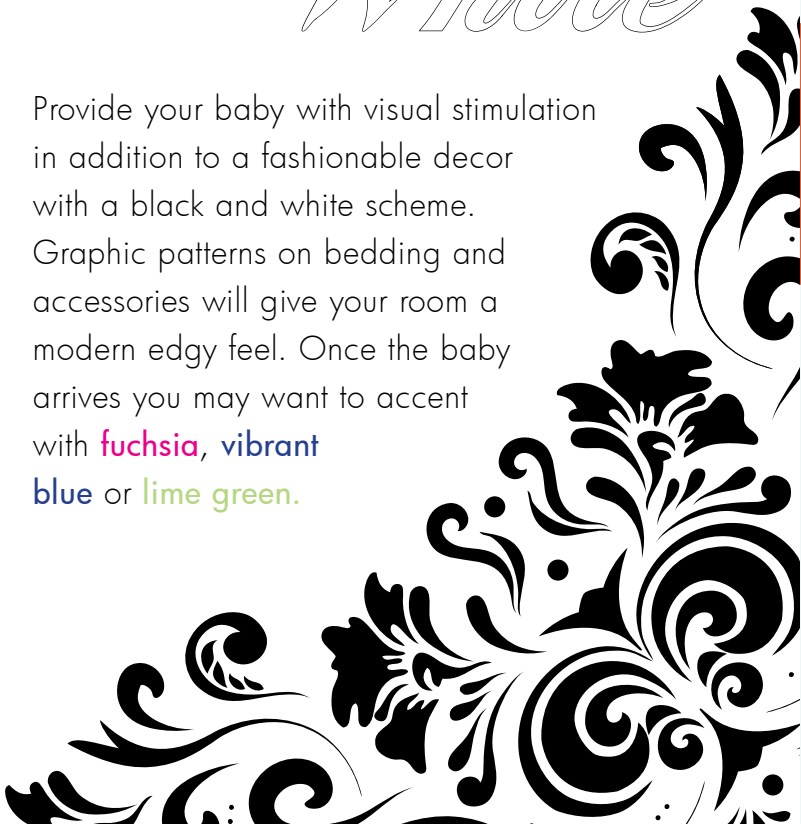
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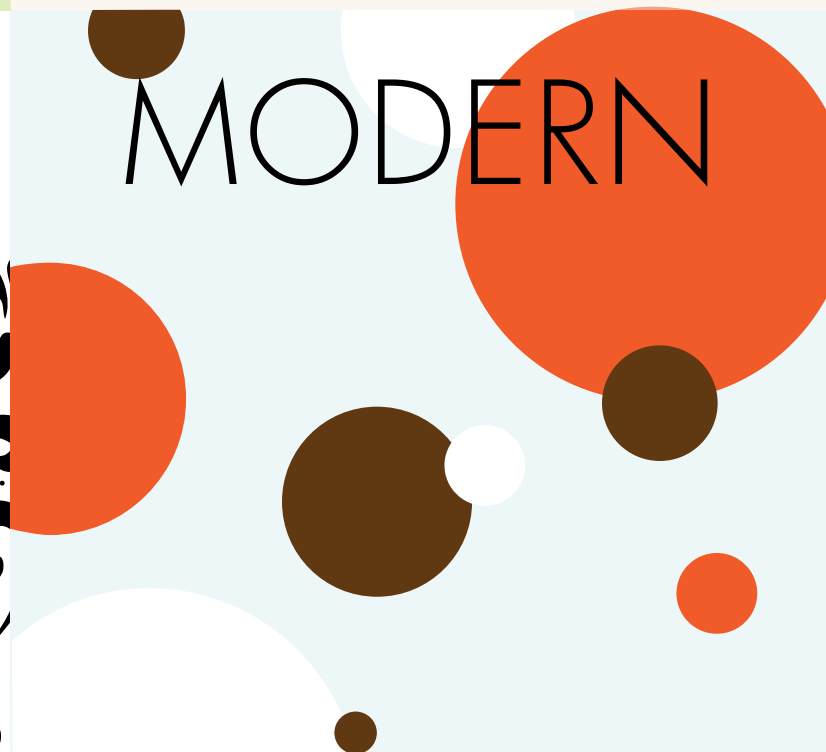
The vintage look is warm and sophisticated, a style that will easily grow with your child. Vintage furniture also has timeless appeal. Begin with warm vanilla on the walls and beautiful crib. Add vintage accessories to complete this look.

BLACK & *White*

Provide your baby with visual stimulation in addition to a fashionable decor with a black and white scheme. Graphic patterns on bedding and accessories will give your room a modern edge feel. Once the baby arrives you may want to accent with **fuchsia**, **vibrant blue** or **lime green**.



MODERN



Polka Dot Fun - Start with neutral wall colour and add a pops of colour with gender neutral colours such as **orange**, **green**, **red** and **brown**. Try mixing Geometric patterns with solid colours. Good areas to add pattern are bedding, rugs, curtains and wall art.