Room for three girls started as a drab unfinished attic of two-bedroom house. First remodeling step was framing for new partitions and ceiling. Next, RED TOP insulation was stapled between joists and studs. USG Perforated Hardboard was nailed to studs above beds, with SHEETROCK gypsum wallboard used for remainder of walls. QUIETONE acoustical tile ceiling absorbs noise of new room's happy tenants. New floor, built-in drawers, and bright colors add final touch.
Engineer No. 2 has a secret way to store his train platform. When it's up (left), platform with tacked-on tracks and accessories rest on sawhorses. When Dad puts it away (right), you see that two sections are joined by dowel pegs that permit quick dismantling for storage in wall rack with hinged top. Plywood surface is framed with 2 x 2 lumber.

Storage... and Hobbies

Engineer No. 3 has a smart dad who used an old bookcase as a fine frame for train table. Upper shelves were removed and a hinged train board added of ½-in. plywood. Coat of green enamel on board, touch of scenic wallpaper in background add realism. Shelves below and at side take train equipment, games, toys.

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Every girl could want is incorporated in this charming bedroom. The wall combines twin closets, drawers, shelf recess and flush light fixture. Drop-down desk, that also serves as vanity, closes up when not in use. Louvered doors can be chased ready-made, and other built-in units are easily built from stock materials.

## Teenager's Delight
This attractive unit built around a window in bedroom. Shelves book and mementos can be made of stock lumber. Convenient corner desk tapers an angle to give adequate knee room. Pin-up board at right of desk is a piece of USG Insulation Board framed and painted. Base of chest is recessed for convenience.

## How to Fit Out
A closet for a 3-year-old, later to be adjusted to keep up with changing needs. Hanger rod will be raised for larger clothes. Built-in sliding drawers—easy to open with one hand—eliminate the need for a chest and allow more play space in the room.

## Space Goes to Work
Cabinets with sliding doors hold clothing and inside a pull-out shelf. Low cabinet under window is for general storage, includes compartment with lock and key for special treasures. Top of lower unit doubles as window seat. Wall shelves are supported by hooks in perforated hardboard.
Flanking entrance to room at left are bookshelves recessed into perforated hardboard panels which form upper part of wall surface. Through doorway is stair enclosure—a dramatic, but inexpensive, combination of wood louver and corrugated plastic. Painted pink on one side and left natural on the other, the shutters block view of attic, but let light into hallway.

Bedroom of bright ideas has one wall decorated with colorful painted panels, a chalkboard, pin-up board and section of perforated hardboard. Toy bin stores beneath bed, rolls out on casters at playtime. Bins such as this are easily constructed of 1/2-inch plywood. Soffit over bed conceals indirect lighting fixtures. Hinged baffles below windows give extra ventilation.

Wide-open high enough lumber, ply

MATCH THE ROOM TO THE
with easily built features for

Charming nursery combines painted walls and ceiling of RED TOP Plaster with the warmth of a wood storage wall. Closets and chest built out from wall around window contain 130 cu. ft. of storage space in exchange for 2 ft. borrowed from length of bedroom. Louvered closet doors such as these aid ventilation and are readily available from most lumber dealers.

Here’s how to turn a blank wall into a comprehensive storage unit. Cabinets, draw every inch of available space. Radiator enclosure (left) consists of metal grill attached nets, below window, makes sturdy window seat. As the child grows, eventually hobbies...
Room becomes two sleeping areas by use of folding door which slides in ceiling track. Windows are
child-size furniture can fit underneath. Desk and storage units of this type are easy to build from
and DURON Hardboard. Walls and ceiling of RED TOP plaster welcome any decoration.

Elegant but useful is this Junior Miss room. Simple shelves store
deep enough for books, shallow enough so windows are within
ords. Where a room is large enough (this one is 14x13), black makes

A studious young man lives here—room is well equipped with floor-to-ceiling chest and bookcase, low
window, and a man-size desk with tilt-top drawing board. Note that wooden desk has a lower file drawer—
orderly habits at an early age. Drawer section of desk has a recessed base for toe space.

nd stock shelving make use of
ood frame. Top of double cabi-
s books will fill the display shelves.
SPARKLING IDEAS FOR GIRLS...

...PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR BOYS

How to share a room between two boys, ages 10 and 3? This family lined wall with shelves, provided indirect lighting at top, and built in desk over concealed radiator. Each headboard has a hinged door that opens into storage for bolster and bedding. Bold color elements are offset by a white-painted plaster ceiling.

A tuck-away table quickly converts to an L-shaped desk of the "executive" type. Made from standard flush doors, lower table can be moved out into room, stores away under higher table attached to wall. Wall panel of USG Perforated Hardboard takes care of display and exhibit requirements.
Cheery room for a very young lady is in new second story that also includes brother’s room shown at right. Closets are built out into the room, providing a niche for the single bed. At right is clothes closet; at opposite end are drawers and shelves behind louvered doors. Note location of high windows in one wall, and use of matching fabric and wallpaper.

Home base for model airplanes is boy’s room in new addition, shown also in exterior view at right. Windows provide plenty of light, leave ample wall space for furniture. Built-in cabinets have plywood doors sliding in floor track.

TWO WAYS TO ADD SPACE...
upstairs or downstairs grow-up rooms

Another way to add a room is by a “dormitory” addition—providing privacy for three boys plus an overnight guest. Floor-to-ceiling draperies travel on curved rods attached to ceiling. To keep noise under control, ceiling is surfaced with QUIETONE acoustical tile. Simple bookcases and cabinets line end wall.

Addition for 12x18-foot dormitory room continues masonry and roof line of original house. Here, roof rafters go into place. Only changes in existing house were to close in windows, cut doorway.
windows and around corner—just cabinet has extra depth for rec-
contrast with soft pastel pink.
elves under way to teach

**Rugged and ready** for three boys, ages 3, 5 and 8, is this dormitory room added to rear of house. Each has his own bed, chest, cabinet and desk, all personalized in matching colors. Wall cabinets and desk assembly are constructed of ½-inch plywood with sliding doors of USG Perforated Hardboard. Toy bins beneath desk surface roll out on casters.

**Business of growing up** requires a desk like dad’s and lots of storage space for important papers and gadgets. Desk here, of birch veneer ½-inch plywood, was attached to wall for easy cleaning below. Hardboard trays slide out for a quick inventory of prized items. Old walls in this remodeled room were covered with fire-resistant, easy-to-apply SHEETROCK wallboard in knotty pine pattern. Old ceiling was quickly resurfaced with USG Insulating Twin-Tile.