Decorating a Baby Animal Themed Nursery

Perfectly Delightful for a Shared Boys and Girls Nursery

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A baby animal themed nursery is a great gender-neutral theme that will work great in shared boys and girls nursery or bedroom. Friendly baby animal nursery décor will entertain our babies, toddlers, and young children and encourage their imagination. Different animals will also help teach children about different animals as they grow and develop.





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There are so many darling nursery themes out there, and decorating a nursery or young child's room can be one of the most enjoyable travels into our own creativity and imagination. When decorating a room shared by both little boys and girls, we decorators must resist favouring the all pink, all blue décor. Decorating a baby animal themed nursery will provide your children with a gender-neutral fun and enchanting cage-less zoo where they can imagine being in the presence of many different delightful animals!

Zooluland is the name of a sweet zoo themed collection made by Living Textiles, an Australian vender of quality themed bedding sets, cot sets, bed linens, accessories and gifts for the nursery. Inspired by this collection, we are designing a nursery using products from the collection and our own zoo-nursery décor ideas.

The <u>Zooluland collection</u> includes animals in an array of soft calming colours: blues on the elephants and zebra, orange and blue polka dot spots on the brown giraffes, greys and blues on the hippos, and the little baby orange leopard has a bright red nose. These smiling characters seem to bounce off their subtle cream, taupe, and white backgrounds of large comfort cushions, cot valances, curtains, nappy stackers, and bedding sets.

Based on this collection, the neutral colours of cream, taupe, and white are the predominate colours, and the accent colours can be singled out in the animals. For this sweet gender-neutral nursery, a light creamy orange or light tan as seen in the little leopard and giraffe would be a great wall colour so that the creams and whites do not dominate the room with a washed out look. The butter cream coloured curtains and window valance provided by **Zooluland** featuring our darling characters would stand out very elegantly against the soft darker wall shades.

After painting and putting up the curtains and window valence, consider the wall décor. Zooluland has provided many of their own wall plaques featuring the Zooluland characters. You may want to

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feature more animals than what is included in the Zooluland characters, so keep in mind the colour palette and hand paint some of your favourite animals like a frog, turtle, and rabbit. Animals made as wall vinyl decorations are available through many online manufactures at a great price. In just seconds, you can have a huge baby lion that *looks* hand painted!

A built in dresser is going to add a lot of space and style. Open shelves on the bookcase will allow you to add some coloured bins for storage, and one great idea is to find storage boxes featuring the light blues, creams, tans, and dark browns to help the décor while adding storage. If you can't find the perfect box, buy some inexpensive wrapping paper in the colour theme, and wrap plain white boxes. Consider even keeping the beautiful Zooluland bed linens in the open shelves until they can be used.

You room is almost complete! The finest details are in the accessories. What is a zoo without stuffed baby animals? These toys are fun, but can be a mess. To fit the theme, wooden fruit crates that have been sanded down, and spray painted white, orange, tan or other colours in your theme, can not only make stylish storage bins but look like little animal cages that the children can flip over and play zoo with later!

For more questions about decorating a nursery, Zooluland, or questions about other decor ideas and accessories, visit us at <u>The House Queen website!</u>