



Project Technicolor Loft Designer Ghislane Viñas Location New York City

Australian expat Hanne Larsen lives in New York City with her four children, India, Atticus, Arlo, and Banjo, aged three to ten years. Charged with remodeling the family's loft, interior designer Ghislane Viñas took advantage of the 13-foot ceilings by tucking a fort in the top corner of the playroom and building a triple-decker bunk bed in the boys' bedroom. The fort's perforated enclosure "lets people know there's a space up there," says Viñas. The kids found another purpose: They like to catapult foam balls and toys onto unsuspecting passersby below. ▶

1 Material Logic

The boys' bunk bed and the storage wall in the playroom are made of plywood sandwiched between sheets of white Formica laminate. Viñas chose laminate over paint because it is chip-proof and easy to clean, and she likes the crisp edge it creates.

2 In the Round

The holes in the dry-wall are finished with white PVC plumbing pipes and flanges. "There are more expensive and labor-intensive ways to do it," says Viñas, "but this was the most cost-effective."

3 Easy Climb

The wall-mounted steel ladder from O'Keeffe's is sturdy and easy to climb. "My three-year-old can negotiate it with no problem," says Larsen. For that matter, so can their cats, Cookie Rockstar and Delilah Pixie. "They like to climb up and stick their heads out the holes." Bonus: Since the ladder doesn't touch the floor, it's easy to clean around.

4 Feeling Blue

To contrast all the white, and add a pop of color, Viñas painted the wall inside the loft and behind the ladder light blue, echoing the hue of the BoConcept area rug.