

Puzzle Lovers Bed

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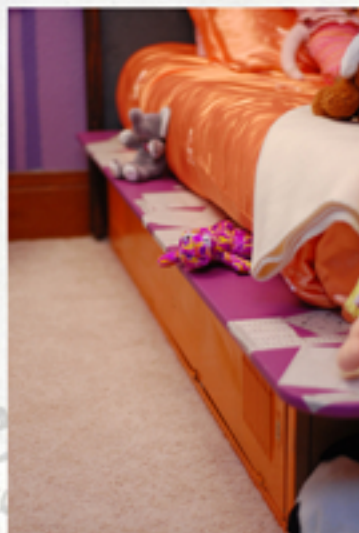
If your child's bed is simply a mattress on the floor like the Bleeker girls was, play around with creating a playful platform bed using the materials you have available. Cut a piece of plywood slightly larger than your mattress for your base. Prop up on blocks, lockers, or build something out of scrap lumber that will provide ample support. Use paint and decoupage to quickly create a one of a kind look. We glued pages from word finds and puzzle books to further cater to the girls love of puzzles. We used an old chalkboard for a headboard; you could also use a larger framed mirror or painting, shelving, or an old door. Wrap tin cans in desired papers using mod podge glue, and screw directly to your frame for playful storage options. Use game pieces or letter blocks to personalize. Fill any storage space below with clear jars filled with building supplies like bottle caps, shells, buttons, corks, cut up twigs, small pebbles, beads, wooden spools, found objects, etc. Group all like items together in each jar for further appeal.



fig 1. before



fig 2. after



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