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With a wealth of storage and abundant space for fun, this playroom is set to grow alongside the family it houses.

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Three young boys and all the books, toys, and games that come with them can add up to a lot of stuff. This was the challenge facing Kyle Meidell and Nicole Bavo, who wanted their new house to have plenty of space for both having good times and stashing stuff. So when they hired Mike Rausch and Devin Johnson of Johnson Squared, they prioritized a new basement playroom.

Flexibility was the overarching theme. “The family knew they were going to need a space that could adapt over the years—kids go through different types of toys and games as they get older,” Rausch says. “And we wanted to provide storage that could accommodate all those changes.”

To make it happen, Johnson Squared created a cozy living space flanked by

an open area currently occupied by a freestanding train table. Built-in shelving keeps books and toys tidy, while an adjacent wall of cabinets disguised by a world map hides games and supplies. “The family travels a lot,” Rausch says, “So the treatment is a fun way to document their adventures over the years.”

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1. Cut and glued to cabinets piece by piece, this map mural lets the family reminisce on their travels.
2. Board games, movies, and puzzles sit at the ready just behind closed doors.
3. A utensil caddy, dishes, and straws stow neatly inside a low drawer, eliminating trips to the kitchen upstairs when snack time rolls around.
4. Open shelving offers compartments for books, collections, and a few favorite toys.
5. A train table surrounded by comfy poufs serves as the main attraction for the family's young sons. When the boys grow older, the family plans to replace it with a pool table. Concrete floors are a low-maintenance, easy-to-clean solution to kids' messes.



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Wall paint Crushed Ice SW7647, **trim paint** Snowboard SW7004—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Wall paint on back pantry wall** Blue Booties A52-2—Olympic, a product of PPG Architectural Finishes, Inc.; 800/426-6306; olympic.com [P]. **White shelving** Rubbermaid Fast Track Pantry Kit with additional shelving and brackets, **white galvanized metal container for pet food**—Lowe's; lowes.com. **Clear**

canisters with white lids Good Grips POP Containers, **small and large white turntables**—OXO International; 800/545-4411; oxo.com. **Coffee press on white tray** Caffettiera in blue—Bodum; 800/232-6386; bodum.com. **Blue-and-white plastic boxes on top shelf, magazine file, and binder, all from the Herringbone collection in blue, pushpins on corkboard** Ball Pushpins—from the See Jane Work collection, Office Depot; 800/685-8800; officedepot.com. **Blue strapping bins, rug** Zig Zag—The Land of Nod; 800/933-9904; landofnod.com. **Chalkboard-type decal on framed grocery list** Chalk by Blik in Light Periwinkle—Blik; whatisblik.com. **Miniature adhesive pocket, white expandable shelf riser, stacking angled bins on floor, folding crate on floor**—The Container Store; 800/786-7315; containerstore.com. **Shelf liner** purchased in roll—Improvements Catalog; 800/634-9484; improvementscatalog.com.

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Label maker Our Label Maker with translucent case by Brother—sold exclusively through The Container Store; 800/786-7315; containerstore.com. **Label maker** 160P—Dymo; 877/289-3966; dymo.com. **Shoobox-size clear translucent containers** Style Selections 3-Pack 6.5-Quart Clear Shoe Box with standard snap lids—Lowe's; lowes.com.

Case Study: Mapped Out

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Architect: Mike Rauch and Devon Johnson, Johnson Squared, Bainbridge Island, Washington; 206/842-9993; johnsonssquared.com. **Wall map**—World Maps Online; 877/884-2402; worldmapsonline.com. **Fabric for poufs**—Amy Butler Design, Granville, Ohio; 740/587-2841; amybutlerdesign.com. **Carpet circles** Made You Look Round rugs—Flor; 866/281-3567; flor.com. **Train set** Thomas the Tank Engine play table—Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway; 800/491-7508;

thomaswoodenrailway.com. **White table** Docksta—IKEA; ikea-usa.com. **Orange chairs** Kendall In/Out folding chairs in orange—Overstock.com; 800/843-2446; overstock.com.

Storage Doctor: Create Without Clutter

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Upper cabinet Thread cabinet, **lower cabinet** Mat & Hoop cabinet, both from the INSPIRA STUDIO collection—ClosetMaid; 800/874-0008; myinspirastudio.com. **Yellow bin X**—Small Edison bin in yellow, **acrylic bin** by MadeSmart, **white document boxes** Bigso Classic Stockholm Office storage boxes—The Container Store; 800/786-7315; containerstore.com. **Orange mesh pencil cups, wire basket filled with yarn**—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; target.com. **Rug** Arrowhead Cotton Kilim rug in sun yellow by Steve Alan—West Elm; 866/428-6468; westelm.com. **Flooring** Barrington Laminate in Nutmeg Chestnut CDL25-10—Mohawk Industries; 800/866-4295; mohawkflooring.com.

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Hangers Natural Hardwood Skirt Hanger—The Container Store; 800/786-7315; containerstore.com. **Plastic storage bags** Hefty Jumbo Storage Slider bags—Reynolds Consumer Products, LLC; 800/433-2244; hefty.com. **Clear boxes holding paper** Clear Snap-Top Scrapbook case 763755—Hobby Lobby; 800/323-9204; hobbylobby.com. **Wire paper organizer** Wire Paper rack from the Better Storage Design collection—Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; walmart.com.

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Door-hanging bag Over-Door shoe bag by PEVA—The Container Store; 800/786-7315; containerstore.com. **Towel bar for bottle rack** Designer towel bar by Decko—Menards; menards.com.

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Wall pockets Single Wall Pockets in letter size, sold in pack of 3—Office Depot; 800/685-8800;