

# | Will's picks

## Sweet Paul's top 10 wallpapers for children

From quirky and whimsical to retro and playful, there's no shortage of stylish children's wallpapers to choose from. Sweet Paul's market editor, Will Taylor, has surveyed the market for the ten best designs to decorate with this season

**Morning in Manhattan wallpaper,**  
in blue or yellow, \$70 per roll  
[famillesummerbelle.com](http://famillesummerbelle.com)

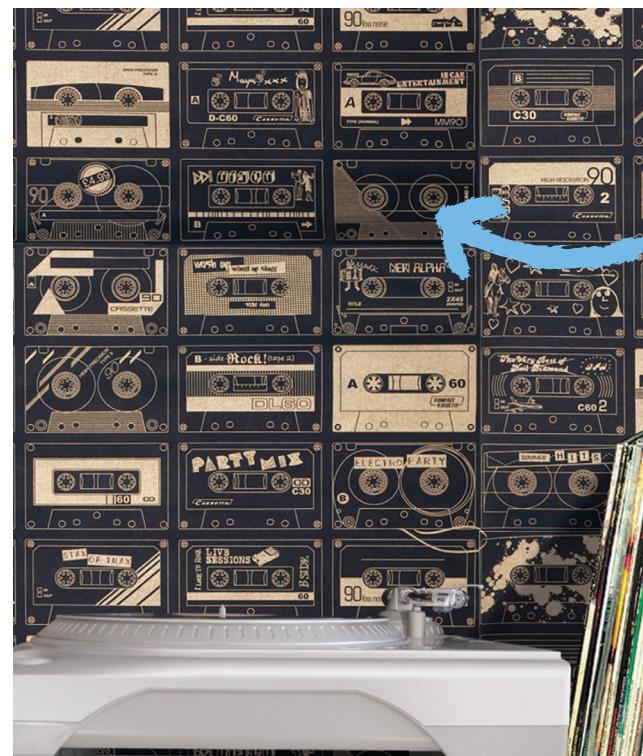


## Three top tips for choosing the right wallpaper

**1.** Before you decide on a paper think about how the use of the space might change over the next few years. If you're decorating a nursery you can be safe in the knowledge it will stay that way for a couple of years and so a baby-like design will suit. If, however, you're decorating a teenager's bedroom, consider your wallpaper choice a little harder—you'll want to make sure they won't tire of the look within a few months. To be safe, stick to wallpaper designs that have simple, graphic patterns over niche wallpapers that reference a sport or hobby, as these interests could well be fleeting.

**2.** Wallpapering a whole room can be very overpowering, especially if the design features a graphic pattern with a regular repeat. Decorating with wallpaper often works best when the paper is used to highlight an existing architectural feature of the room, like a chimneybreast or alcove.

**3.** Decide on which wall you plan to paper before picking the wallpaper itself. Knowing the surface area you need to cover will help inform your final design decision. For example, a wallpaper design with a large, infrequently repeating pattern wouldn't suit a small alcove, and a very detailed design could crowd a smaller space—ask the retailer for a sample and tack it to the wall to help you envisage how the design will look during both daylight and artificial light.



**Dotty**, \$90 per roll, [ferm-living.com](http://ferm-living.com)

For simple Danish style there's no better place to look than Ferm Living. Their Dotty wallpaper is a timeless design that will bring warmth to a bedroom or family room.

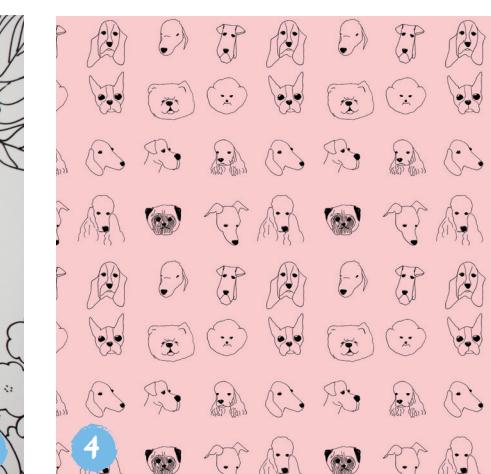
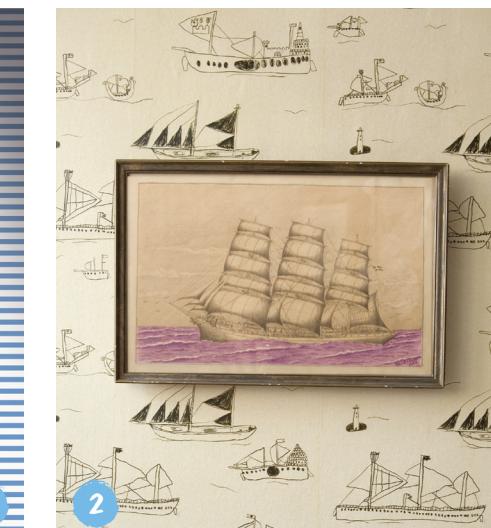
**Will's tip!** The C-60 pattern by design duo Mini Moderns is perfect for a teenager's bedroom—it's not too childish, so they won't outgrow it within a year of it going onto the wall.

**C-60 wallpaper**, \$70 per roll, [minimoderns.com](http://minimoderns.com)



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**Will's tip!** Let your child's imagination set sail with a Maritime-themed scheme—to achieve a simple and contemporary scheme, opt for a paper like Funky Wall's Blue Lines as it has a classic nautical feel, or if you prefer a more mythical feel, go for Fine Little Day's OHoy paper.



**1. Blue Lines**, \$56, [funkywalls.be](http://funkywalls.be)

**2. OHoy**, \$54, [finelittleday.com](http://finelittleday.com)

**3. Fairy Design**, \$115, [notonthehighstreet.com](http://notonthehighstreet.com)

Perhaps your little one is a budding artist! Fun Wall's Enchanted Woodland paper is a design that keeps on giving because it's designed to be colored in over time—there'll be no more worries of rogue drawings on the wall, either.

**4. Dogs**, \$145 per roll, [bainesandfricker.net](http://bainesandfricker.net)

Not all children get to enjoy the magical experience of keeping a pet, but thanks to Baines & Fricker's Dogs wallpaper, any child can now invite canine friends into their room.

**5. Enchanted Woodland**, \$107 per roll, [notonthehighstreet.com](http://notonthehighstreet.com)  
Pastels are still a hugely popular interiors trend, and the soft shades related to the trend create a relaxing environment; papering a nursery with this fairy tale-like wallpaper is the perfect paper for such a palette.

**6. Fayre's Fair**, \$70 per roll, [minimoderns.com](http://minimoderns.com)

All the fun of the fair doesn't have to stop when you leave the park gates—decorate with this merry-go-round design in a playroom to create a jolly and whimsical look.