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The amount of toys, supplies, clothing, parts, pieces and overall clutter that accumulates with four small children is mind-blowing. It seems like every toy has no less than 175 pieces and once the box is opened, these pieces are found scattered throughout the house. I needed to take control my family's situation before it got out of hand. So then it began, my search for stylish kids' storage solutions. I mean it does have to look good too!



*Image via Boys Germs*

During my hunt, I came across something wonderful. Did you know that there are websites dedicated to transforming Ikea furniture into something incredible? What? Where have I been lately and how did I not see this before? Stylish, low-cost ways to clear up the kid-clutter while simultaneously adding high-design are right up my alley.

## *Bench Seating & Storage*

Check out this Ikea bookcase-turned-bench with storage for the playroom from [Boys Germs](#). This immediately creates easy playroom pickup and seating with great design. Oh and the chandelier, also from Ikea, yes please.



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## *The Campaign Dresser*

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Here's a little something for the girls' room, the re-vamped [Ikea Rast chest](#). [For Chic Sake](#) gives you a great how-to on turning this Ikea piece into a Campaign Dresser masterpiece. Holy cow, this high-style DIY project screams easy!



*Image via Shop Social Society*



*Image via For Chic Sake*

Add these [Ikea Skubb boxes](#) to each drawer and they will change your life, they certainly changed mine.



*Image via Ikea*

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## Bookcases

Bookcases can be used for storage or as a showcase! Add a little wallpaper inside [Ikea's Hemnes bookcase](#) and it looks downright amazing.



*Image via Pinterest*

[Ikea's Vittsjo series](#) is also wonderfully transformable and really makes a statement when painted to a bright hue. I just love how stylish yet unencumbering this piece can be in a room. Kid safety comes first, so switch out the glass shelving to wood and brace it to the wall. You can see this on [Centsational Girl](#).



*Image via Centsational Girl & Better Homes & Gardens*

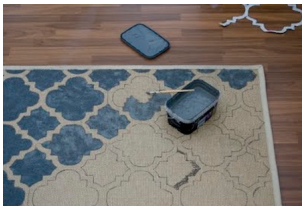
## Play Area Rug

Last but not least is my next DIY project. Rugs will give any room a burst of color and create a great space for the kids to play. I couldn't seem to find a perfect rug for my girls' room and haphazardly stumbled across [Pudel Design's](#) hand painted Ikea rug. I cannot wait to pull out the stencils and get this project going!

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If you have any kids storage, organization or design ideas please feel free to email me at [kkristin@azfoothills.com](mailto:kkristin@azfoothills.com).