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New Design Directions for a Baby's Nursery: Horizontal Painted Stripes

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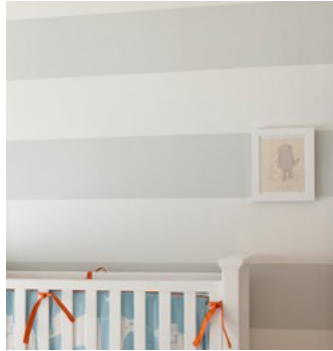
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Those who are lucky enough to be contemplating the design of a new baby boy's nursery are in for a treat today. Horizontal stripes look smashing just about everywhere, so when new mom **Lindsay Brier, of Anyon Design**, set out to design a nursery of her own, her goals were to create: "an airy space that combined classic, vintage and contemporary elements." It appears both Lindsay, and her new little guy, Hawken, are off to a very dreamy start.



There's much to be said about how a sophisticated stripe painted in a somber mix of colors will have any room looking and feeling classic, vintage and contemporary, just as Lindsay set out to do. I've exploited the visual power of painted stripes, to make a room appear larger—the wider the stripe, the broader the perimeter feels. Another tricky spatial anomaly I've put to work in rooms with very low ceilings, is to paint a

subtle graduated stripe, which grows increasingly wider as they near the ceiling, which makes a ceiling appear higher than it actually is. What I hadn't considered, is what Lindsay calls the "playfulness" of horizontal stripes; and she is absolutely right—there's an effortless and relaxed feeling in a room when the stripe is horizontal.



My personal favorite thing about this nursery is that it is not cute. Childlike, playful, colorful and animated, and yet, still not cute. The width of the stripe, and the classic color combination, Benjamin Moore's [White Dove OC-17](#) and [Gray Owl OC-52](#), lend the sophistication. I admire how Lindsay balances an eclectic style and approach to the overall look too, with the addition of exhilarating accent colors which transcend the predictable baby boy's nursery colors.



WHITE DOVE
OC-17



GRAY OWL
OC-52

The small rattan side table, sporting a snappy orange similar to Benjamin

Moore's [Orange Burst 2015-60](#), lights up the middle of the room in a way few other colors might.



Another of Lindsay's goals was "to create a nursery that Hawken could grow into as he got older, and the light gray and white palette on the walls is an extremely adaptable solution to this problem." Leave it to a new Mom to plan ahead, and simplify her life by planning and putting design elements to work. This room could be easily fashioned into a comfortable and soothing place for anyone. I think Lindsay has created an exceptional example of an enduring design direction, worth repeating, and an awfully swell place to spend time with her new baby too. Thanks for allowing us to peek in Lindsay!



***Stay colorful,
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