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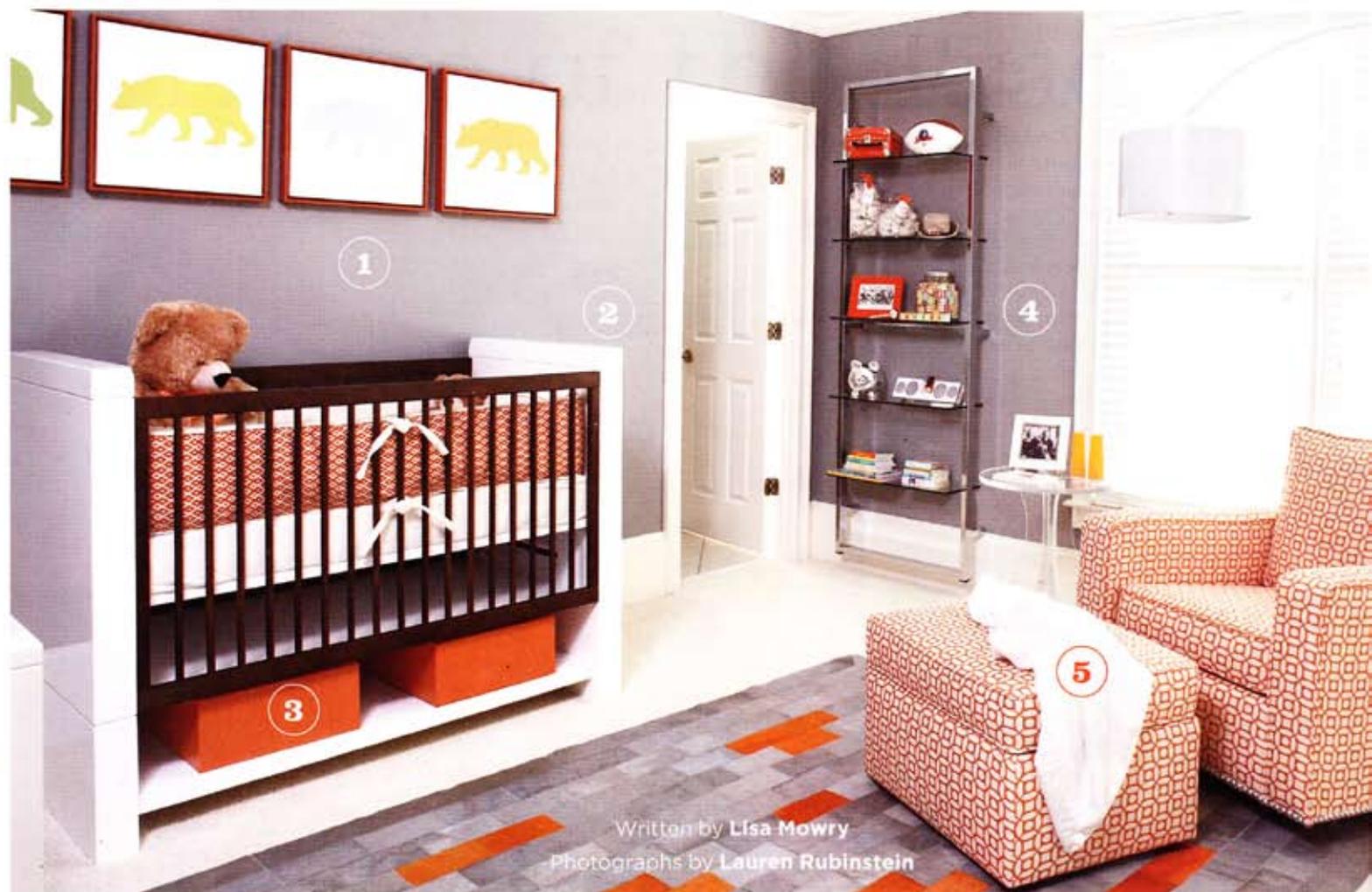
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Room to Grow

Forget pastels and cutesy themes—creating a nursery with room to grow will be comfortable for a baby's first year and well beyond, too

ABOVE: "Gray is the perfect complement to orange," says interior designer Karen Hott, who designed this chic nursery. Cool features that can be used anywhere in the house include the geometric rug, '60s-style lamp, Lucite table and zesty chair and ottoman.

Nurseries are always designed with a baby in mind, but the best ones appeal to Mom and Dad, too. Created by designer Karen Hott, this Atlanta nursery for Christie and Chris Dull and their son, Cotton, brims with clever ideas that work for a newborn, but can then transition into an older boy's room—or eventually a room with a completely different purpose altogether.

1 DEPART FROM CLASSIC NURSERY COLORS. Furnishings in an unexpected gray and orange palette can transition to a guest room someday. The backdrop of gray paint on the walls of the rented home is neutral enough for the next tenant.

2 SELECT BABY FURNITURE THAT CAN EVOLVE AS THE CHILD GROWS. The chic crib morphs into a youth bed with a few simple moves. Similarly, the custom changing table will convert to a chest of drawers by removing the changing mat and box on top.

3 STOW IN STYLE. Orange lacquered boxes under the crib used for toy storage can also work well in an office at a later time.

4 REMEMBER THAT CHIC FURNISHINGS CAN BE SAFE, TOO. Wall shelves are securely cleated to the walls so they won't fall over. The Lucite side table that Hott found in an antique mall is not only chic, it has rounded edges, nothing sharp to hurt little hands or heads.

5 CHOOSE VERSATILE FURNITURE. "This is not your usual rocker," says designer Karen Hott of the custom glider upholstered in graphic orange fabric. The comfortable seat is great for Mom now, but can also work well in an older boy's room, or may be switched into the guest room one day.

6 CHOOSE ARTWORK THAT'S PERSONAL YET AGELESS. The baby's father played football at Baylor, so Hott decided on stylized silhouettes of bears (the college mascot) from the website *avalisa.com*. She chose colors to suit the room, then surrounded the canvas prints with simple wooden frames. A similar print with a C for *Cotton* hangs above the changing table.

7 ADD ZING WITH A FUN RUG. No need for nursery-themed floor coverings, says Hott, especially when there are so many colorful ones with playful patterns on the market. This one is a useful size for any room, and the dyes are environmentally safe, too.



8 PAY HOMAGE TO A BABY'S HERITAGE WITH ACCESSORIES. Rather than buy knickknacks, Hott placed meaningful found objects on shelves: Dad's college football, an apothecary jar filled with cotton from family land in Texas, and a cowboy hat that also references the Lone Star state.

9 THINK BIG. The tall floor lamp gives the illusion of an interesting ceiling fixture (which the couple didn't want to replace, since the home is a rental). A floor lamp is also safer, since it's more stable than a table lamp.

10 KEEP IT SIMPLE. Because the Dulls' home is being rented, there was no need to spend a lot of money on custom window treatments. The existing wooden blinds are sufficient to control light and are easy to clean. ♦

ABOVE: After seeing a more expensive version and deciding she could duplicate it, Hott designed this custom chest and had it made affordably.

LEFT: Knowing it could stand the test of time in other rooms, the family splurged on this chair and ottoman covered in a to-the-trade-only fabric, which, the designer says, is easy-to-maintain, durable and stylish.