

The study of flooring and ceiling of children's room

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Abstract

Child is the most cherished member of the family one of the requirements for the contentment of the child is a space in the house which he can call his own i.e. children's room Many families provide a separate room to their child. The need of small children range from active noisy play to quite moments; from eagerness to be with others of their own age, to desire to be alone; from wanting to be with the family to carefully avoiding it. Needed are space adequate for the discharge of abundant energy, convenient to a toilet and to the outdoor as well as to the kitchen for easy supervision. The children of this age need space for collection of their article, place to read, groom bicycle, and sports and music items etc. The development of a growing individual can be strongly affected by the provision for play, for study, for sleep, by the opportunities for quite, isolated activity when that is needed and for participation in family and guest activities when that seems called for. Children should be made to feel that food, rest, quiet and pleasant place belong to them where nothing but ease and love are expected from the ever greeting mother. This kindly attention, clean, cheerful atmosphere, not only makes childhood happy but leads to strength, good nature, trust, courage, efficiency, character and virtue.

Keywords: Children's room: It refers to that space in the housing enclosed for the children where they can perform their formal and informal activities like studying, entertaining their friends, playing, sleeping and the like.

Supervision: It refers to the function of watching, guarding, or overseeing the children while they are playing, eating and doing other activities.

Introduction

A child is the most cherished member of the family. A house without a child is a diary wilderness. Sugar and spice and all the things nice for all the boys and girls. This is just another way of saying that careful plans for children's room should be made for its location and interior. Generally the average family with a new home to furnish or an old house to re-do concentrates on the living areas first, with perhaps the bedroom next, the kitchen when it needs modernizing, then on the storage room. If the time comes each is tackled on the occasion and budget allowance. But in India, the children's room has rather been neglected till now. A child spends a great part of the day in his/her room. He/ she sleeps there, work there, plays there, entertains there and read there. Yet less thought is given to this crucial area where so many of the child's most important years are spent.

Children are active little people and their floors take a terrible beating not only from constant scuffing but also from such childhood games as running heavy toy on wheels back and forth across the floor or 'building' with the hammer connects with the floor rather than the nail. Floor covering in children's room should be chosen carefully. Bare floors better for children's rooms as they are easier to care for and provide a fine play area for trains, wheel, toys and games. Ideally the flooring should be smooth, resilient, durable, and easy to clean. The hard floor covering should be of dark color but attractive and should harmonize with room. If one wants rugs to add warmth and color to the flooring one should choose skid proof, washable cotton or nylon rugs.

Acoustical ceiling adds sound proofing to the room. For a small child this will be benefit nap time and for an older child

it will allow him to pursue his homework studies undisturbed. The ceiling of the child's room should not be too much patterned or it will distract the child's attention and there will be chances of accidents.

Material and Methods

Collection of data is an important process in a research work. Research process is necessary to understand any problem of research through scientific way. If the process is followed in a well arranged and scientific way then no problem arises in achieving the objective of the research. The primary objective of this chapter is to explain the method which the researcher chooses to select the sample and the tools and techniques used in the present research are also described in the chapter.

Keeping the objectives of the research in view the researchers used the following sub areas in the research process.

In the present research interview schedule has been used and the study has been done regarding the

All items in any field of inquiry constitute a population. In any inquiry in which all items are covered, no element of chance is left and highest accuracy is obtained. But in practice this may not be true.

The sample comprised of the decision maker who had separate children's room in their house and has played an important role in decision making of decorating interiors of children's room.

In this study children's were approached through selected schools of Baroda. They were given a small questionnaire through which those houses were identified who has separate children's room having single occupancy. 67 houses were selected through random sampling.

Variables of Study

A concept which can take on different quantitative values is a variable. In the present study two variables were included:

Situational variable-

Involvement of the decision maker for interior decoration of children’s room

1. Homemaker alone
2. Homemaker and her husband jointly
3. Homemaker, husband and their child

Intervening variable

Extent to which factors were considered while decorating the interiors of children’s room

Selection, Description and Development of the tool

In this study interview method was taken to assess the extent to which factors were considered by the decision maker while decorating the interiors of the children’s room.

A list of factors regarding various components of children’s room was provided and the respondents were asked to indicate whether they considered the factors while decorating the children’s room or not. This was a summated rating scale.

The review of these provided a base on which the investigator developed guidelines to study ideal conditions in various components of children’s room. A preliminary survey was carried out by the researcher to find out most common features of various component of children’s room. Factors were listed with regard to various components e.g. furniture, wall, ceiling, floor, lighting, furnishing, and accessories.

To access the content validity of the scale, they were given to a panel of seven judges from department of Home management (home science), professional interior decorators and architects to indicate whether he listed items were clear or ambiguous and appropriate or not for the purpose. An eighty percent agreement among judges was used as criteria for inclusion of items in the scale. Based on the suggestions given by the judges some items were deleted.

Statistical Technique

The data were analyzed employing relational statistic i.e. ANOVA. The computations were done on computer using S.P.S.S (statistical package for social science).

Delimitations

1. The study was limited to those houses who had separate room on single occupancy basis for the child between the age of 8-12
2. Those houses which had children’s room decorated by professional interior decorator were not included in the study.
3. The study was limited to 60 houses only as the data were to collect through observation as well as interview technique. Hence only this sample size was considered as feasible and convenient with the resource constraint.

Results and Discussions

Flooring- Children of 8-12 years of age perform some of their activities on floor like playing etc. so, it should be carefully planned. Both hard floor covering and ceiling play an important role in the development of child’s personality therefore careful planning is needed while decorating the interiors of child’s room.

It was found that all the respondents considered size, area to be covered, durability, texture, ease of cleaning, non-slipperiness, hard to wear and tear, initial cost and cost of maintenance of hard floor covering. Wide majority of the respondents considered the color. None of the respondent considered the climate, light reflection and south absorption.

Ceiling- About ceiling little less than one fourth considered the pattern and cost of decorating the ceiling.

Conclusion

Hence it was concluded that the decision maker considered various factors regarding interiors to low extent but still all the children were highly satisfied with flooring component of interiors on comparing the scores obtained on various component, all the respondent scored low for hard floor covering. Thus, it could be concluded that all the respondents considered various factors to a low extent while decorating children’s room.

Sr.no	Extent of which factors were considered by homemaker while decorating the interior of children room	Respondents(n=60)	
		F	%
1	Hard floor covering-	-	-
	To great extent (27 to 32)	-	-
	To some extent (22 to 27)	60	100
	To less extent (16 to 21)		
2	Ceiling-	60	100
	To great extent (17 to 21)	-	-
	To some extent (12 to 16)	-	-
	To less extent (7 to 11)	-	-

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