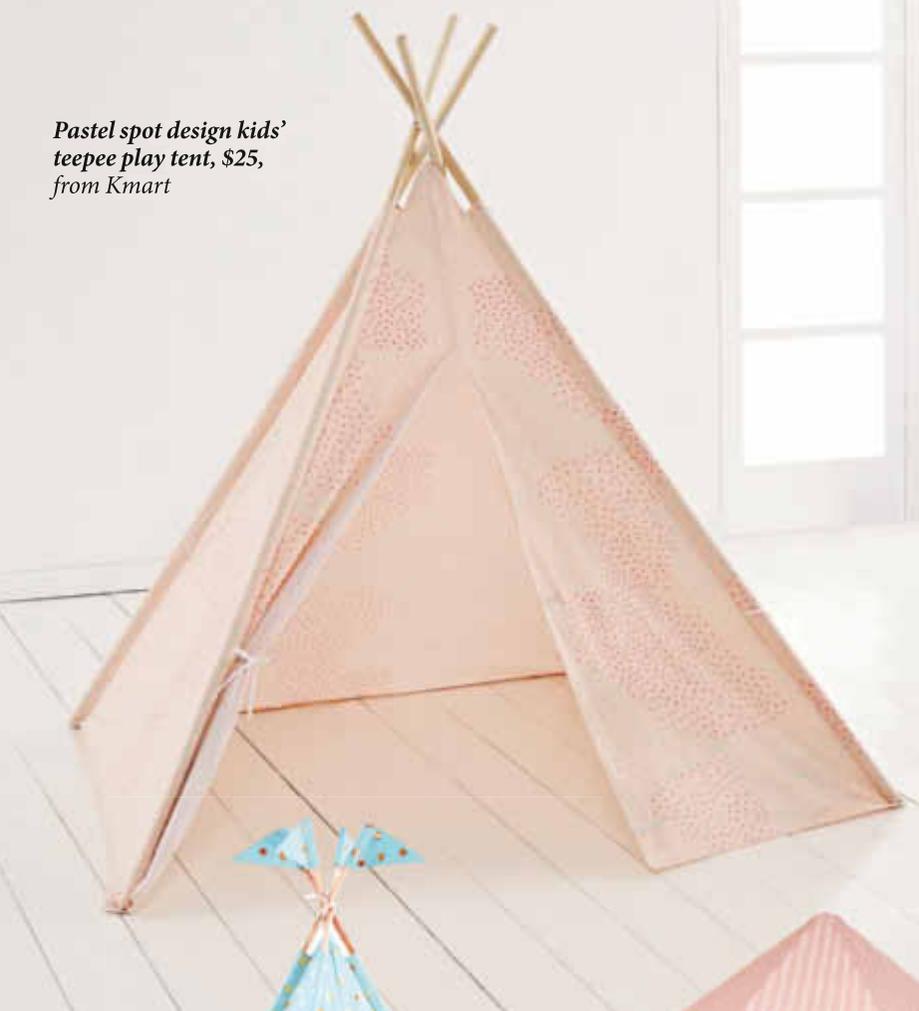


# AT HOME

## PLAY TIME - CUBBY HOUSES & TEEPEES

*Pastel spot design kids' teepee play tent, \$25, from Kmart*



*Gold Coin Kids Play Teepee, \$129.95, from LiFE*



(SUPPLIED)



» *Lerado Natural Games Room House, \$699, from Fantastic Playgrounds*

« *Rose pavilion tent, \$603, from Down That Little Lane*



*Mini playhouse by RAW Sunshine Coast, \$299, from Down That Little Lane*

It's school holidays but kids don't have to go anywhere special to have fun: fortresses, cubby houses and teepees can all make home a special place for tea parties, craftersnoons or reading – kids will find a variety of uses for such spaces.

Unlike regular construction costs, putting together a cubby house (or other play space) can be relatively inexpensive – and a lot of fun. It's also an exercise in resourcefulness and can be a good way to “repurpose” things you may have stored in the spare bedroom. Every cubby is different and will depend on what materials you have lying around the house, but things such as cardboard boxes, clothes horses, crates, hat racks, blankets and little bedside tables may all come in handy for construction.

I recently spied an impressive indoor cubby constructed only of cardboard boxes and duct tape. If you can score some free boxes, this takes the cake for cost effectiveness.

For those who favour the appeal of glamping rather than classic cubbies, there are some beautiful looks in the way of tents and teepees at the moment.

Reasonably priced teepees (Kmart teepees are available at \$25, for instance) are popular with children because they offer instant little “nooks” ideal for play, alone time or reading.

For a decorative touch, add some bunting on your teepee or personalise it with names or initials, although that could be another project in itself.

With battery-operated fairy lights, a teepee of your choice and plenty of soft cushioning inside, this is an easy way to create a secret hideaway ... and the creative possibilities are endless.

Who knows, perhaps you'll even be invited in for afternoon tea. ●

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## Beautiful Bed Linen



### KIP & CO

Kip & Co have released their AW16 linen offerings and there's plenty of glorious colour. Textures are celebrated and there's an emphasis on natural fibres, with sheets made from woven French flax linen. Tassel lovers may be smitten with their blankets.

» kipandco.net.au

*Inky Wink pink linen quilt cover, queen \$299, king \$329, Desert linen fitted and flat sheet (items sold individually) queen \$149, king \$169, Inky Wink pink linen pillow case set (two) \$89, pea cushion \$69, pom pom blanket \$249 and tassel throw \$269*

## Dowel Jones

### KING DOMES

Geelong designer Adam Lynch, along with his industrial designer colleagues Dale Hardiman and Andre Hnatjko from design collective Lab De Stu, has created a brilliantly versatile pendant light called the King Dome. Available in variations of one to three dome lights, this sleek addition to the Dowel Jones design family is made out of powder-coated steel and wire.

» doweljones.com

From \$310 for single

