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## Going green in the nursery

Nurseries are among some of the most decorated children's rooms in a home. New moms and dads agonize over every detail. New mom Kira Krümm's new baby is all about going green — little Marco's nursery is an eco-chic space she calls "baby's habitat." Mrs. Krümm is a designer with clients from Fort Myers to Naples and through Southwest Florida. When it came time for her to create her own room for baby, she had a clear concept: create a space that's good for baby and good for the environment.

"Many people think a nursery must be brightly colored with contrast in order to stimulate the baby, but my approach was the opposite — I did not introduce color," says Mrs. Krümm. "There will be many opportunities to stimulate him when he is involved in activities, but as he adapts to his new life, the room can change with him and colors can be introduced gradually."

Mrs. Krümm felt the nursery should be Marco's retreat — a restful place where he would feel calm and comforted. Her approach was also influenced by the Chinese art of feng shui which is deeply rooted in nature and focuses on balance and simplicity, she explains.

Mrs. Krümm chose a contemporary-style crib made of New Zealand pine wood from sustainable forests in a combination of white and espresso finishes. The crib converts later into a toddler bed.

"My husband and I are both tall and we had a challenging time finding a changing table at a comfortable height, so we opted to convert a dresser into a

changing table so that after the diaper years we could still use it in the room," says Mrs. Krümm.

Lastly, Mrs. Krümm added integrated speakers for soft music and dimmable lighting for late night changes and feeding, as well as shutters instead of curtains to allow partial or no light which is good for day napping.