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MAKE NURSERIES AND BEDROOMS HAPPY AND HEALTHFUL SPACES WITH ECO FABRICS AND FINISHES

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Dominic Di Iorio rides a wooden horse made with nontoxic materials. The nearby chair is covered in organic cotton fabric from O Ecotextiles (oecotextiles.com).

When you're ready to introduce health-focused eco design into your home, bedrooms—particularly children's rooms—are ideal spaces to take those baby steps. We spend nearly a third of our lives sleeping, and when we sleep, our bodies are susceptible to toxins in fabrics and the air. Children sleep even more than adults each day (or at least we hope they do!), and their small and developing bodies are particularly vulnerable to such environmental hazards as formaldehyde and other VOCs, says Victoria Di Iorio, who spearheaded the Healthy Home Showhouse in Palatine, Illinois. ➤