

# OMG GOODIES

## Playroom to Tween Room Review Series

### **Tweens who have outgrown the playroom still need a place of their own, why not go from Playroom to Tween Room!**

In the Playroom to Tween Room Review Series, I reviewed products from seven companies which helped to turn our playroom into a place for my tween daughters, their very own Tween Room! No one was more excited than me!

To show you a before picture would be too horrendous for even the strongest stomachs. Our two tween girls, ages 9 and 11, did not care to enter the playroom anymore, and I had been scared of it for a very long time. In those moments when I would get tired of the mess, I would send the girls in to “clean” the room, which meant, “Make it so I can vacuum, please.” Toys, broken or not, were thrown into whatever might hold them – the train table drawers, the broken doll house, the dilapidated changing table we used for years to hold books and toys. I looked into the room a few months ago and there was no place to walk, let alone play. It became clear why the few toys my girls played with were always found downstairs instead of in the playroom where they belonged. I knew what I had to do, but I was not looking forward to it. I had to clean the playroom. I went in with a roll of trash bags.

Hours later, I had a pile of 6 trash bags for the garbage man, 4 boxes, a train table, a fixable dollhouse, and piles of stuffed animals to place as curbside freebies, and a small pile of toys and books to remain in the room . . . once I’d done something more with the room itself.

I called my husband and told him I had a blank slate waiting to be filled. I was a woman with a project – I was taking the Playroom to Tween Room [personal] Challenge; he sounded scared! I went to the store and called him again, “I’m buying paint.” Now he was tired and scared.



On the way home, I decided the room needed a mural or two. By the time my husband got home, the room was taped, the tarps were down, and I had taped off where we could leave the wall unpainted because the murals would be there eventually. I’d had my girls draw dragon samples, and I looked at my husband, who, with pity in his eyes, started painting the room.

Within a week, I had one mural painted, and another drawn on the wall. My husband had hooked up the old box TV we had sitting around as well as the older Wii – all placed on a coffee table we’d picked up from IKEA for \$25. There was also an IKEA desk and a set of cubicles I slyly talked my husband into purchasing for an additional \$100. My budget was gone, but I refused to give up.

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# What Could I Do?!

I searched online for “tween rooms” or “tween hang-outs”. I found nothing! NOTHING! I could not be the very first mom to realize tween girls still needed a place to hangout, without having the location be a child’s playroom or an over-filled bedroom! I knew somewhere out there someone had already switched from playroom to tween room. I never found that mom or her blog.

I’m a blogger! I spend hours online looking at websites and finding incredible products to review. Certainly I could find products myself – best of all, I had an opportunity to find companies willing to work with me. I quickly decided, if I used a review product in the room, it would become part of my new blog series: Playroom to Tween Room.

Between me finding companies willing to work with me, and companies finding me, I was able to include seven companies, and their products, in the Playroom to Tween Room Review Series. Look through them, many of the companies offer great products for more than Tween Rooms, they are also great for bedrooms, lockers, family rooms, offices, and art projects! I love every one of the companies, and the products they offer. In each review, you will find links to their webpages and social media.

My tween drawing in the tween room, surrounded with Roomlookz and LockerLookz Decor!



## [RoomLookz Room Decor for Tweens](#)

[RoomLookz](#) is part of the LockerLookz family (found below). The entire company is devoted to tweens! They have wonderful products ranging from lamps and organizers to candy dispensers! I have found they are not only great for tweens – I wouldn’t mind finding several of their items in my own office someday!

## [Jaxx Bean Bags Lounger 4ft Kids Bean Bag](#)

[Jaxx Bean Bags](#) offer incredible bean bags! I love this particular lounger for the tween room because it doesn’t take up half the room, but it can hold more than one tween at a time. It regularly holds three. Knowing the foam comes from other companies’ scraps makes it great too, but the most exciting part about this bean bag is the price! Many bean bags of this quality will cost well over \$300 – \$400; however, Jaxx has succeeded in producing a truly quality product with a low price tag!

Yup, eventually the TV switched corners!

## [LockerLookz Locker Decor for Tweens](#)

[LockerLookz](#) came to be when two mothers realized their tweens needed to be able to make their school lockers their own. My girls don’t have lockers, but it didn’t matter. I was able to use some of the items I received from LockerLookz in the tween room, including the wall paper, the locker rug, the fashion bin, and a few other items!



### [Attmu Chalk Markers for Dry Erase Boards](#)

Attmu sells on Amazon. I received their markers as part of an Amazon-only review, but they were perfect for the tween room, and with all the art and whiteboards and windows my daughters have available, I couldn't stop myself from writing a blog review too!

### [The Container Store: Now in Phoenix](#)

I was invited to attend The Container Store pre-opening celebration, held in Phoenix, to learn more about the store and the products they have to offer. The store is definitely one to behold, I've never seen so many different storage containers. The fun part is, they have containers and organizational ideas for more than adults.

### **Magnetic boards with LockerLookz wallpaper!**

#### [Art Alternatives Kid's Table Easel](#)

Art Alternatives has all kinds of art supplies for children and adults. My daughter received this table top easel for Christmas and loves it as much as I love my purchased Art Alternatives box easel. My girls love having an easel they can use in all kinds of ways, but if it isn't what you are looking for checkout the other art supplies they have to offer!

#### [CubeCraft Long-Handled Paint Brushes](#)

CubeCraft is an Amazon-based company who found me. I am so glad they did! They wanted a blog review and I was in the process of starting the mural. It was perfect timing for reviewing a great set of paint brushes! Unusual for a playroom to tween room series? Maybe, but if you have a budding artist in your home, or you are the budding artist, like my house has, this is a great set to use!

The finished dragon painting painted with the CubeCraft paint brushes.

## **More . . .**

The Playroom to Tween Room Review Series isn't the last review series we'll offer. w'd love to know what other review series you would like to see on [OMG Goodies](#)? Leave us a comment, we want to review the products you are interested in, and you can help us do it!

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