



## / Best Nursery: Gemma Parker Design /

Gemma Parker's newly established eponymous firm specializes in residential commissions and custom furnishings, but its focus on delivering projects that reflect its clients' lifestyles is particularly evident in this serene, neutral nursery. The family travels extensively, so the goal was to create a space that was timeless and could easily transition through the years as the baby grows. Parker explains that "the soothing palette was purposeful so that it can easily be made masculine or feminine by adding small accents." Unexpected touches like the painted striped ceiling and map tapestry on the crib wall add to the uniqueness and multifunctional capability of the space while nodding to the family's love of travel. 133 N. Jefferson St., Ste. 600, 312,789,4473, gemmaparkerdesign.com

## / BEST KITCHEN: FREDMAN DESIGN GROUP /

With a big family whose members all love to cook, the kitchen in the Riverwoods house they'd just purchased needed a complete redesign. The homeowners brought in Terri Crittenden, CEO of Fredman Design Group, to design a kitchen big enough for the couple to use with their five adult children plus grandchildren. Crittenden removed walls, raised the ceiling and chose a sophisticated yet durable mix of materials such as stone, rift-sawn white oak and suede limestone to give a rugged contrast to the room's sleek white marble and swirled-glass pendant lights. There are now two sinks and an 8-foot island, giving everyone room to chop, braise and taste in style. 1131 W. Armitage Ave., 312.587.8150, fredmandesigngroup.com



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