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PRETTY INPINK A young gut's room has many possible design pitfalls: too frilly, too pink or too One Direction fangirl—any of which can be outgrown in a blink and the room outgrown as well. Evanston's Jodi Morton, principal of 2to5 Design (2to5design.com) and a mom of three, was the perfect person to collaborate with—not just on the family's four kids' bedrooms, but also on the rest of the house. The historic home, she says, "was a total gut job—a collaboration with Morgante Wilson Architects (morgantewilson.com) and the owners." This room on the third floor with a built-in bed and bookshelves is for the 9-year-old daughter. "One of the advantages of a bold, deep color is that it's more sophisticated but still happy and pink," Morton says. "Turquoise was the daughter's mandate, but her mom didn't want an all-turquoise room, so we found this color that pairs beautifully with the turquoise accents." And the end result? "She squealed with delight when she saw it with the wallpaper up," Morton confirms. And the best part? The room fits a 9-year-old's aesthetic but will also work when she's 19. —Laura Hine

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"I find that wallpaper
so easily finishes a
space: I tell my clients
not to be afraid of
it." Jodi Morton
says. "This organic
crosshatch pattern
feels young and fun,
but it's sophisticated.
It doesn't scream kid,
like flowers or stars
might." China Seas Criss
Cross wallpaper, \$90
per yard, at Quadrille,
quadrillefabrics.com