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Pirate's cove is a high-seas adventure

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Ahoey Matey! The pirates have landed in a place of treasured rest. Eight-year-old Jonathan Dick in Orlando has a treasure of a bed-

What it took

Planning a theme with the child. Finding an artist to set the mood. Gathering accessories to complete the overall effect.

Cost

\$9,200, which includes the many antique pieces that were brought in for the designer show house only.

Result

An exciting boy's room where imaginary adventures are put into motion.

room. With the help of interior designer Pam Niemann, of Pam Niemann Interiors in Winter Park, and artist, Michael McConnon of Sanford, Jonathan's room depicts the seafaring excitement of bygone days.

Pam met with Jonathan to see what he wanted in his room. First he said, "I'd like an underwater theme," but after seeing McConnon's drawings, he chose pirates.

McConnon painted a mural, which surrounds the room. It shows deep blue water, fish, a fort, ships, swashbuckling pirates and all the details associated with buccaneers. Parents, Carmen and John, said Jonathan would dash to his room each day after school to watch McConnon create an imaginary world.

And the theme didn't stop with the mural.

The bed's headboard is shaped as a ship's bow and mast, topped with a crow's nest made from a straw basket. Barrels, covered with fish net, serve as end tables and a globe, oil lanterns and telescope add



to the mood.

A trunk, spilling over with "stolen jewels," sits in a corner. Printed on the rug is a map guiding you to hidden treasures, and Jonathan studies at the captain's desk.

The Dick residence was the 1998 Hope and Help Center Designer Showhouse. Jonathan attends St. James Cathedral School. ♦

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