RESOURCES TO EXPLORE

Articles and Books


Children, Spaces, Relations: Metaproject for an Environment for Young Children, from Reggio Children Domus Research Academy, 1998.


Environments that Inspire, compiled by Susan Friedman. Young Children Journal May 2005.


Other Ideas for Inspiration:

Design books and magazines—look for environment design tools (light, color, smell, sound, materials, relational forms)

Nature—remember, it the outdoors is most everyone’s favorite place in childhood.

Travel (near or far)—What do you see that makes you wonder or makes you happy?

Other programs—go visit your colleagues.

Your own experiences—start taking notes whenever you are thinking about environment design!

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Wabi Sabi

“Pared down to its barest essence, wabi-sabi is the Japanese art of finding beauty in imperfection and profundity in nature...it is simple, slow, and uncluttered...it celebrates cracks and crevices and all other marks that time, weather, and loving leave behind.”

from The Wabi-Sabi House by Robyn Griggs Lawrence