Room-to-Grow Ideas

With imagination and free play as the tenets for the children's quarters, the adults in the room agreed on one thing: a hideaway in plain sight. "My kids loved The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe," MacArthur says. "So we thought, What if the hall closet had a hidden ladder to a secret attic space?" (There's also adult access to the playroom through a bedroom loft.) The impulse that makes kids hide out behind sofas and erect pillow forts also makes them love these clandestine modern eaves.