



Children's Complex

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Entrant Company
Susan Strauss Design

Category
Interior Design

Client's Name
Center

Sub-Category
Institutional / Educational

Experience Level
Professional



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When a locally adored facility for children with special needs needed to expand, they turned to Susan Strauss Design to realize their vivid ideas. The school's founding principles are a celebration of life. Their new complex had to portray that vibrancy while accommodating the distinct functions such as an operation entails. Susan Strauss paired coral, mint, and sky blue with stark whites and a soothing natural wood finish. This design move added sophistication and a level of timelessness the building needed. The entrance features a glass system with motivational slogans greeting visitors. Beyond that is a dimensional wall painted white, with flashes of color strewn about. Translucently colored glass sails by 3Form are suspended from the soaring ceilings, creating a captivating sculpture installation. The space splits into two wings and each corridor has its own unique character. One hallway features a round motif wall design. Round windows are accented by bold trim and overlapping paint designs add visual interest. The lower portion of the walls are clad in large format porcelain tile, enhancing the streamlined, airy feel and double as a protective crash guard against any wheelchairs. Rounded walls at the nucleus of the hallway are covered in Italian mosaics forming a soothing gradient of colors. Custom colored dome pendants complete the circular scheme in the space. Down the second hallway, MDF panels wrap the walls in asymmetrical patterns. Walk a bit further, wood slats climb up the walls and extend onto the ceiling. Between sections of the slats are over-scale artwork. The energetic images are actual pictures of happy students at the center. The brief was to deliver happiness in a building, and Susan Strauss Design went above and beyond to create a state-of-the-art building, ripe for creating memories, and bring smiles to anyone who enters.

