

# KITA SINNESWANDEL

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**baukind :** baukind is a team of architects and product designers from Berlin, Germany. With extensive experience and an eye for the loving detail, they design spaces for children. baukind offers services from consulting, planning and building construction of a day care center. As a partner, they partake from the early stages from choosing the adequate property, until the final process of moving in. Through their services, their day care centers are built faster, cheaper, and risk-free with a high standard of child-friendly design. Their design offers a new perspective on the topic of children design. The goal is to make everyday life more beautiful. baukind builds joy, communication and well-being. It's a beautiful moment to see the space after its completion being used by kids. They are always awaiting this moment with curiosity and joy. Their goal is to promote children in everyday life through their rooms. The space should encourage social interaction and offers things to explore and play, even make toys superfluous - an inspirational and safe place for children to grow. [www.baukind.de](http://www.baukind.de)



The kindergarten Sinneswandel in Berlin accommodates 65 deaf children. On three floors, wall size animal applications guide the kids to their rooms. A large part of the 700m<sup>2</sup> Helen Keller school in Charlottenburg was offered to the Sinneswandel gGmbH to bring to life their vision of an integration kindergarten. The challenge was to create an orientation guide for the building that is fun yet appropriate for children. baukind's desired outcome was to create rooms that children felt free to explore and discover and at the same time offer places of retreat and safety. A tree is the symbol for growth and development, this symbol was the inspiration for the design concept. The three floors represent the root, trunk and crown of a tree. For each floor, baukind, in cooperation with the Atelier Perelà developed an original color concept and animal characters that correspond to and live around the root, trunk and crown of a tree. The animals guide the children from the entrance door to their groups that are named after these animals: fox group, rabbit group, etc. The ground floor is dedicated to

the young kids between one and three years. The color concepts for this group are warm and earthy colors ranging from violet, brown to red shades, symbolizing the root of a tree. Vibrant yellows and oranges transition into the first floor designated for the older kids above 3 years of age. A fox and a deer guide the kids to their rooms; both animals represent the area of the tree trunk - still grounded but already stretching and growing in height. The children's restaurant is located on the 1st floor. The Tables and stools are baukind products; they each come in different sizes. The 2nd floor with its light and uplifting green and blue shades belongs to the oldest kids of the kindergarten. The 2nd floor portrays the crown of a tree with two typical animals: the owl and squirrel. Here kids are inspired to reach for the sky and unleash their fantasies. The squirrel platform with its removable upholstery encourages the kids to construct their own creative scenarios. As a sweet alternative, it can be used as soft resting place.







