

# inside KASE'S NURSERY...



**“EVERY DAY HE CHANGES A LITTLE BIT. BUT HE’S TENACIOUS. WE SEE THAT!”** —TY MURRAY



## Room to Grow

“This is where he’s going to sleep so I wanted the room to be calm,” says Jewel of Kase’s nursery, which was designed as part of a nine-month home-remodel led by architectural designer Kim Lewis of *Extreme Makeover Home Edition*. “It can become more stimulating as he grows.” Assorted Trupan wooden frames (above), starting at \$50; [theorganicbloom.com](http://theorganicbloom.com)

## Vintage Tranquility

“Jewel loves authentic pieces with character and elements of farm life,” says Lewis, who worked with artist Bruce Wadleigh to create a wall made from reclaimed barn wood (left). To decorate the space, Jewel chose a Bratt Decor crib because “she loved the vintage look,” says Lewis, who also incorporated personal touches throughout the room, such as Ty’s baby cowboy boots and the hanging guitar that Jewel received from a friend.



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"With Kase I am not worrying. So far I have been able to keep my type A personality at bay," says Jewel (at home with her son in Stephenville, Texas).


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# Jewel's Little COWBOY

THE SINGER AND HER HUSBAND, RODEO STAR TY MURRAY, SETTLE INTO THEIR TEXAS RANCH WITH THEIR NEW SON KASE—AND HOPE HE DOESN'T FOLLOW IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

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“YOU CAN'T  
PREPARE.  
YOU JUST GO  
INTO IT, EMBRACE  
IT AND TREASURE  
EVERY MOMENT.”

—JEWEL ON MOTHERHOOD

Who does Kase look like? “He’s still too little to tell,” says Jewel (cradling Kase on their porch on Aug. 1). “His little face changes day to day.”



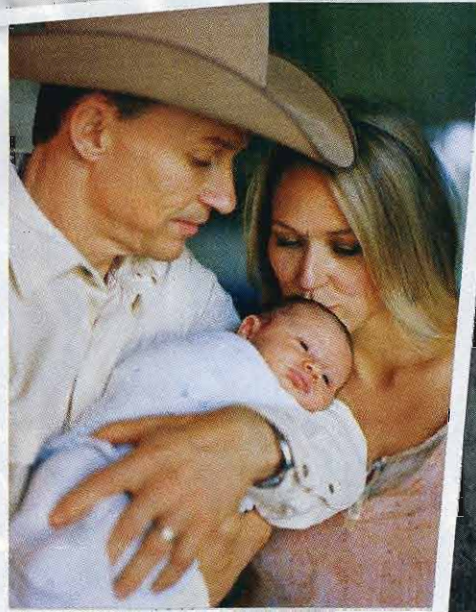


“Our job is to enjoy what his little journey is, not fret over it,” says Ty of Kase (stretching out next to their shih tzu George, left). Dad can show Kase the ropes on a vintage playground horse (below).

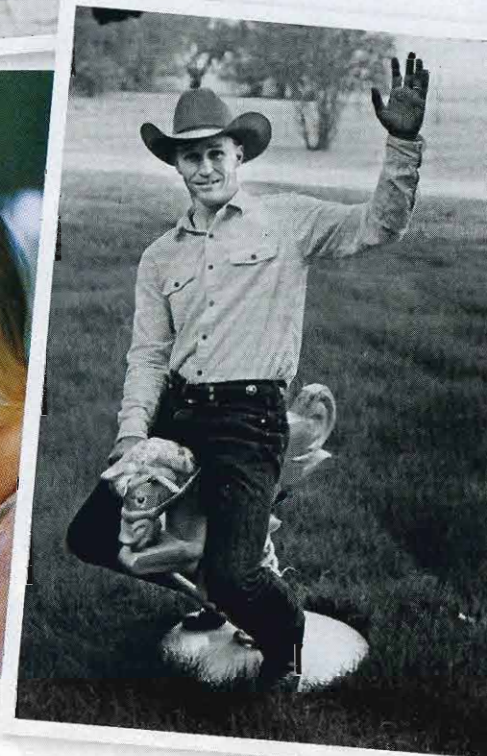
Nestled in a ranch house set in the middle of a 2,400-acre pasture in Stephenville, Texas, a cozy little family of three is savoring some quality bonding time. “I’m a haaaaandsome boy,” coos retired rodeo star Ty Murray in a tiny voice as he gently bounces his newborn son Kase in his arms. Nearby, singer Jewel settles into their living room sofa and smiles at her husband of three years and her little guy of just three weeks. “Everything’s new,” she says. “The love you feel for the baby is a life-altering experience. Seeing my husband be such a good dad is also a nice added bonus.”

Kase Townes Murray made his debut on July 11, weighing in at 7 lbs., 6 oz. “We have parent goggles; we think he’s perfect,” says the new mom, whose son’s name came from one of Ty’s best friends and one of Jewel’s favorite singer-songwriters, Townes Van Zandt. “He’s mellow and chill.”

The same could not be said for her pregnancy: When Jewel, 37, was six months along, she was involved in a car accident that left her vehicle “completely totalled,” recalls the singer, who came out unscathed along with the baby. Then, during a checkup one week after her original due date, doctors discovered the baby’s heart rate had dropped, and Jewel was driven directly to the ER to give birth via C-section. “I studied hypnobirthing and planned a natural childbirth,” says Jewel. “But I feel so lucky that we have a healthy baby boy. That’s all I cared about.” Ty, 45, feels just as blessed: “When he was born, I felt like somebody went to a cabinet, pulled out a perfect baby and handed him over. It’s overwhelming.”



Now, the Grammy-winning singer and her bull-riding husband—who also boot-scooted his way through *Dancing with the Stars*—are busy adjusting to their little man’s schedule. “One night he slept for eight hours,” boasts Ty. “It probably won’t happen again!” says Jewel. “Sometimes he gets up every hour, and sometimes he sleeps for longer stretches.” Either way, Ty gets up for late-night diaper duty before handing him off to Jewel for breastfeeding. “Neither of us wants to have a nanny,” says Jewel. “Ty wants his relationship with Kase to be special, and the time you put in is part of that.” For her part, the new mom wrote a new album—*The Merry Goes Round*, available nationwide in September—with bouncy children’s songs in anticipation of the newest Murray. “I wrote



and recorded that whole record while I was pregnant,” says Jewel, “so he got sung to a lot.”

The couple plan to raise Kase on their working ranch, where Ty—a fifth-generation cowboy—tends to cattle and horses. “I can’t wait until when Kase goes out there with me,” says Ty. But how long before Kase mounts a bull himself? “I don’t want him to ride,” admits Ty. “It is the most dangerous job in the world. But if he’s as crazy as I was about it, then what do you do? One of our biggest dreams for Kase is that he finds something he loves.” Adds Jewel: “We want him to find his passion. Whatever that is, we are fine with it.” She pauses, then laughs. “But I *hope* it isn’t bull-riding.” ●