

Home office set up – how to arrange a working from home space

Discovering how to arrange a working from home space like an interiors professional will help you create a study that's practical and good looking

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Appreciating how to approaching a home office setup is a desirable skill with work space within the home more in demand than ever. Whether it is a dedicated room or part of another space, a home office is an essential for many.

A home office setup needs to take into account demands different from those we're used to considering when designing kitchens, bathrooms, bedrooms, and living spaces. And working from home setup ideas also have to achieve a careful balance so that it is a space conducive to work but also looks like an integral part of a home.

Here, we provide expert advice and inspiration on how to design a home office that you can combine with your other [home office ideas](#) whether you're calling in an interior designer, or creating the room yourself.

DECIDE ON HOME OFFICE DECOR



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A home office in a multi-functional space should reflect decor choices in the rest of the room when it comes to both colors and finishes, so the interior is cohesive. In a separate room, the options are wider. Either way, though, avoid all hint of corporate style in both the hues you choose, and the materials.

As in other areas of the home, pale colors can have a space-stretching effect in small rooms, but take care to layer neutral shades to create interest. North-facing room? Avoid colors with a cool base.

But whether yours is a large or small home office setup, do also consider using hues that will add to the room's energy in either paint or wallpaper: vibrant greens taken straight from nature or pops of sunny orange, for instance. Or try darks that can make you feel cocooned within your space for optimum concentration on your tasks.

'We love the dramatic paint color on the cabinetry from Benjamin Moore (Westcott Navy), and blue is thought to boost productivity,' says interior designer Stephanie Lindsey of [Etch Design Group](#) of this home office.

'The wallpaper by Innovations is the perfect match while adding a bit of texture and visual interest to the office. Built-in storage doesn't have to be utilitarian, but can act as an extension of the design. Here, the deep blue color of the cabinetry complements the textured wallpaper while the cabinets hide away office clutter for a more streamlined look.'