



THE ART OF WORK

An orderly working space is a tonic for the soul, inspires creativity and encourages focus. Treat your home office not only as a place to meet deadlines but also as a space to reflect your personal sense of style

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DESK JOB

Easy ideas for chic work-from-home style

- 1** Create colour harmony with different shades of one tone. Teal and green have a calming, mood-stabilising effect.
- 2** Have both mood and functional lighting in your home office. Here, two pendant shades hung at different heights add character while a chic desk lamp is both utilitarian and decorative.
- 3** Upcycle cardboard appliance boxes by painting them and repurposing as book ends (weight them using pebbles inside) or for stationery storage.
- 4** Paint clipboards to match your colour scheme and number them to help prioritise your to-do lists. No more sticky notes all over the place!
- 5** Colour coordinate files, magazine holders and book spines – surprisingly effective for making a visual impact.
- 6** Get in on the colour-blocking trend and paint a large artist's canvas in a single bright shade to use as a pinboard.
- 7** Add designer style to an ordinary wall clock by removing the glass or plastic cover and sticking dots cut out of thick card onto the minute and hour hands. **TIP:** For a perfectly neat result, use a craft punch.
- 8** Introduce natural inspiration with potted plants and oversized cut leaves. Indoor plants soothe the soul, purify the air and are said to encourage concentration.
- 9** An area rug makes a space feel finished while adding a cosy sense of layering. Plus it's easy to replace when you feel like a change!

Selection of Croxley and PnP lever-arch and ring-binder files, between R21.99 and R42.99 each; Croxley clipboards, R21.99 each; Teac portable radio, R229; green Bic Ecolutions pencils, R27.99 for eight; Century wall clock, R89; green plant pots, R74.99 each; all from selected PnP Hypers

