

Home work

There are infinite ways to incorporate your office into your home.



1 Sola Kitchens was asked to create a desk area within this large, open-plan kitchen. "The family needed lots of storage and also a space for the computer," recalls Sofia Bune Strandh. "They also required plenty of sockets for computers, lamps and a printer. The family wanted it to be part of the kitchen but still separate, hence we made all the units in the same style and material, with a white stained oak desk and white stained oak in the open shelves. We then painted the desk unit in a slightly different colour to differentiate it from the kitchen space."

2 Harriet Anstruther Studio created this light and airy self-contained space complete with bathroom, kitchenette, bedroom and office area. "It is at the top of a London townhouse with great views over the city," explains Harriet. "The room has a very Parisian feel. Original pine floorboards were painted white and walls were left plain for posters and sketches." Apple green accents add a vibrant touch to the all-white surroundings.

3 Increation incorporated a desk area into this bedroom belonging to a young couple. "We wanted to create a space that doesn't feel too much like an office," explains designer Vincent Cullane. "The furniture was primarily a high-quality gloss lacquer for a sense of luxury and space. This was then applied across the range of bedroom furniture."

4 Dittrich Hudson Vasetti Architects designed a semi-separate work area within this generous-sized open-plan kitchen-living room for a busy family of four. "The space needed to be screened from the rest of the room because



the client – a graphic designer who works from home – didn't want to tidy up her desk every day," explains designer Federica Vasetti. "Initially the clients had in mind a freestanding half-height partition to conceal a desk, but it became apparent that the best way was to dedicate a corner at the rear of the room and devise a clever way to open and shut it." The resulting folding door has been painted the same bold shade as the adjacent wall.

5 Harvey Jones incorporated a desk area into this busy family kitchen. Its brief was to situate it away from the cooking area and make it large enough for a stool and storage to hide things away. "The cabinetry is the same as the kitchen furniture and the colours and handles are continued throughout," explains designer Rachel Scott. The work surface in the main kitchen is mostly wood, and this is also used for the desktop. "The height of the desk is the same as the island, meaning that the stool can be moved to the island if more seating is needed there."

6 Woodstock Furniture designed this home office area as part of an open-plan kitchen-dining room for a young family. "One of the key considerations was utilising a lost corner in the room, which was very shallow, as well as taking advantage of the natural daylight coming through the French doors," says designer Andrew Hall. "We hand painted the unit in Farrow & Ball White Tie paint, which matched the kitchen, and included features such as softened corners and a solid oak desktop for a comfortable work area. The unit also has four fully extendable solid oak drawers with pewter knobs, designed in the same style as the kitchen to create a uniform look."



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