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# MAXIMISE SPACE IN YOUR HOME OFFICE

Running out of room in your work or study zone? We've got you covered with cool layout and styling tips.

As the ways we work and live continue to adapt and change in response to the environment and technology, traditional notions are challenged and new opportunities appear, says Matt Gibson, founder of Australian studio Matt Gibson Architecture + Design. "More people are opting to work from a variety of locations, sometimes rejecting the rigid and scaled open-plan office for the benefits of more natural surroundings."

Working from home has become more common in recent years and is continuing to gain popularity. One common challenge is finding the right space in our dwelling to do so. Having enough square metres to accommodate a desk, creating an inspiring and functional environment, and keeping personal and professional living spaces separate are key when it comes to designing a home office. Here are 15 ways to turn a tiny space into a productive and stylish work area.



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### **LOOK FOR PERFECTION, OR GO CUSTOM-MADE**

Inspired by the owner's visits to the Schindler House and the Eames House, which both demonstrate how modest scale can be impactful, this Southern California home by Lucas Design Associates was furnished with mid-century and custom-made furniture. "You're able to find well-designed,

high-quality pieces that are full of character yet are made of simple, comfortable materials," says Suzie Lucas, founding partner and lead designer at Lucas Design Associates. "This office acts as a man cave for our client - a space to unwind, recharge and enjoy the things he loves most."

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**"THIS OFFICE ACTS AS A MAN CAVE FOR OUR CLIENT - A SPACE TO UNWIND, RECHARGE AND ENJOY THE THINGS HE LOVES MOST, PARTICULARLY MUSIC."**

**- SUZIE LUCAS, FOUNDING PARTNER AND LEAD DESIGNER AT LUCAS DESIGN ASSOCIATES**



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### **OPT FOR A WHITEBOARD OR PINBOARD**

Often placed above a desk, boards can display all kinds of notes. Available in different shapes and sizes, they help to keep your ideas in place, and provide you with a surface to write down a list of tasks with deadlines, so you do not forget meetings and can get a quick overview of what you need to accomplish by the end of the day. Whiteboards and pinboards can also become an inspirational tool, if you affix notes, quotes or images to them. They are also useful for brainstorming sessions.



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## 12 USE A COMPUTER WITH A FLAT SCREEN

In this Melbourne home, Matt Gibson Architecture + Design aimed to orchestrate several visual moments within each space. “A home office space was provided off to the side utilising the breezeway space

with just enough room to enable a functional internal area,” says Matt Gibson. To optimise every square metre, a computer with a flat screen was preferred while a series of mirrors gives a sense of depth.

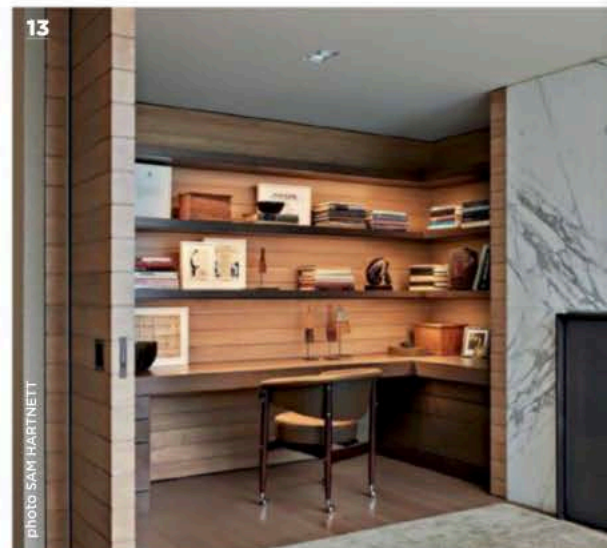
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### ADD A SLIDING DOOR

In Auckland, a couple (with five grown children), who shuttles between New Zealand and the United States, asked Lucas Design Associates to shape a retreat as an extension of their master bedroom. “With another home office located in a different part of the home, this space was intentionally designed to not feel like an office and to function as a flexible area,” says the team. “This nook acts as a sanctuary for some of the couple’s most nostalgic items – from sentimental art and Maori artefacts to family photos. This home office, designed as an extension that can be closed off, offers space to work productively and “get away”.

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