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Warming Up Your WORK SPACE

INTERIOR DESIGNER JUDI RANDALL SHARES TEN
WAYS TO ADD COMFORT, PERSONALITY AND STYLE
TO YOUR HOME OFFICE. EDITED BY MONICA TOPETE



Judi Randall, Designer

Create instant office appeal with photos and artwork. Display a favorite painting on a large easel in a corner that wouldn't otherwise be used or place some framed pictures on a side table, leaning them up against the wall.

Paint, paint, paint!...Choose paint colors that complement the mood you want to create, i.e. a neutral tan or warm red for a traditional office; grey or brown for a contemporary one. Try a decorative paint technique for added dimension.

Add style and personality to your home office with textured fabrics, i.e. a leather upholstered accent chair, micro-fiber drapes, woven blinds or grass cloth wallpaper. With each new layer, you'll create a blanket of warmth.

Accent lighting can transform your entire work space. Try a desk lamp with an embellished shade to add low lighting; a floor lamp next to a chair or desk for up or down lighting. Opt for 25-45 watt soft white bulbs for more natural-looking light.

Conceal an unsightly corner or soften a desk's edge with a tall plant like a cactus or bamboo. In Feng Shui, these plants symbolize good fortune and are ideal for placement in the home office.

Create a warm, inviting vibe by placing a small, lush rug under your desk to relax your feet on (and sink your toes into!) A rug will also act as a buffer for reducing loud noises and will help create a sense of calm.



Jazz up a standard office cork board by covering the frame with ribbon or trim used for garments or glue on beads, buttons, seashells or any other embellishments that reflect a chosen theme.

If your home office has ample space, position your desk at a diagonal, with the front of the desk facing the door. Not only will this help to create a feeling of spaciousness, it's a great way to add a bit of interest to a square room.

Give life to a standard-issue office wastebasket with decorative fabric. Use a spray adhesive to secure the fabric to the container; then add gimp or braid trim with a glue gun to hide the edges.

Make it personal with embellishments. Add trimmings to existing drapery, including braid, ball fringes or tassels applied with a glue gun. Or hang key tassels on lamp switches, armoires, dressers or desks for a decorator look.

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