

The home office of your dreams

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As technology changes and enhances the way we live, many of us are able to work from our homes at least part of the time. If you have Wi-Fi, you can often do your work anywhere. It's a blessing and a curse, some will say, because you have to learn how to balance your working hours with home life and social life.

Still, since so many of us are working out of our homes, it becomes important to have a good, bright, efficient space with a door we can close and everything we need at our fingertips.

A professional renovator can provide the office of your dreams, if you like. It might mean repurposing a room in the house, building an addition, renovating the basement or creating a loft over the garage. The possibilities are endless, of course – only limited by imagination and budget.

Whether you want a home office for your “day job” or just as a place for your own hobbies and personal organization, it should be as much a part of your personality as the rest of your home.

It should have great light – ideally, natural light – and as much of it as possible. It should have clean-lined surfaces, superb shelving, and room for comfortable furniture. It should be easy to maintain, to keep clean and navigate. It should help you to focus and also to relax after you've completed a difficult task. Ideally it will have a bathroom of its own and perhaps a small kitchenette, so it's a self-contained unit that allows you to dive into the job at hand.

The perfect time for such a project might be when you are planning a whole-floor renovation, or an addition to your house.

Your renovator will give you pointers on design, space-saving, lighting options, and superb function. Your home office – your work “suite” – could change the way you live, in more ways than you might think.