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Multiple Spaces



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Design a home office that's functional, productive and looks good, too

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Zminkowska De Boise Architects (zdbarchitects.com) converted this loft for a couple that wanted extra space for work, reading and storage



Of the 32 million people currently employed in the UK, around 1.5 million work from home, according to the Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk) – a figure that is up by almost a quarter of a million from a decade ago. And there are many more who would like a dedicated workspace for life admin, like paying bills, Skyping friends and family, doing the weekly online shop or any of the countless other things we need a computer for.

Some might just need a laptop, a power socket and a place to perch, but most full-time homeworkers will require a more professional set-up, an ergonomic space that has the right equipment and storage, designed to ensure they can be productive all day long. >>

ABOVE Making the most of a difficult split-level layout, the architect divided the space into a lower desk area with a dormer window to take in the views and a higher sitting/reading space. The ply-lined room includes a stencil-cut alphabet that extends across the walls