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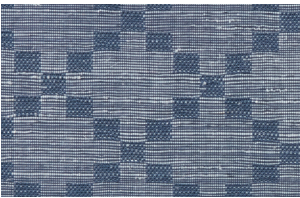


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inspiration : top pro tips for the home office in 2022

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What home office design trends are you seeing or predicting for 2022?
I'm seeing fewer traditional office furnishings as a trend going into the new year. Why sit in a goofy rolling chair

when you can be on a sofa or banquette? And with so much of our daily work life being paperless, there's so much less of a need for big chunky storage furniture. I like to decorate a home office just as if it were a cool sitting room. When it's time to work, you can pop in with your laptop, and if you don't need a 24/7 home office, it is designed to be a flex space.

How do you think geography/location affects these trends?

I'm in Portland, and with the weather here, there is less opportunity for the indoor/outdoor style living that Californians have. Nevertheless, I like to set up a home office for clients in rooms that at least have a view of the outdoors. Three-season rooms are nice, too, since you can work out of there almost year-round.

What window coverings do you recommend for home office design?

I love roman shades in a home office. They're less fussy than drapery and an opportunity to express yourself on Zoom. I thrive in a pattern-on-pattern environment, so why not have a big, bold gingham in your office?

How can eco-friendly, sustainable window products be incorporated into home office design in 2022?

My new woven grass collection with Hartmann&Forbes is a perfect example of this because they can be dressed up or down depending on the architecture and location of the home. And they don't look too office-y, which is the most important part. If you're working from home, there's no reason to try and re-create a corporate office setting with your home decor.



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