

WORKING FROM HOME: DESIGNING THE IDEAL OFFICE SPACE



Home office remodels are on the rise. And, it's no wonder. According to a recent [New York Times article](#), 43 percent of American employees spend some time working remotely - usually from home. The article, based on a 2016 [Gallup Poll survey](#) of more than 150,000, concluded that not only are more employees working from home they also are spending more time doing so (compared to 2012 statistics). Another [report](#), compiled in 2018 by the independent freelance company, Upwork, suggests that at least 1/3 of Americans will be working from home in ten years.

If you plan to work more from home or are considering how best to spend remodel dollars for resale purposes, consider adding a new home office to the list. The photos above come from a remodel that we built for a couple in Golden Valley. When designing this new home office (and combined mudroom), we drew on concepts presented in i+D Magazine's *Inspiring Work at Home*. Key features include:

- * Independence (office should be located away from main living and sleeping spaces);
- * Natural lighting (or 5,000 + Kelvin temperature bulbs to mimic natural day light); and
- * Task-specific storage (mail slots, file drawers, pin-up boards, office supplies).

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HOME OFFICE MUST HAVES

True. The products below are not as glamorous as the hand-glazed tile you might be considering for your kitchen makeover, but these practical items should be considered standard installs for any home office remodel:

- * **USB outlets** for charging computers, phones, tablets;
- * LED cans with **Kelvin temperature of 5,000+**(to mimic day light);
- * **Stand-up desk topper** for improved posture and productivity. The adjustable one shown here, called [AirRise Pro](#), allows you to convert any standard desk to stand-up version.
- * **Wall mount flat screen** monitor that pivots for viewing and that can be tucked out of the way when not in use.



USB Outlet



LED bulb with 5,000 Kelvin Temperature



Stand Up Desk Topper



Wall Mount Monitor

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