

Top 10 Reasons to Have a Home Office (Even If You Don't Work From Home)

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When many people think of a home office, they think of one thing: working from home. Obviously, this is a necessity if working out of your home is the case, but even if you don't - there are major advantages to having an office space in the home. Before you write off the idea completely, take these ten reasons into consideration:

1. See those piles of paper lying around your home? The one on the coffee table? The one on the end of the kitchen counter? And what about that one that's been sitting on your dining room table for a month or two now? By adding an office space, you'll finally have somewhere to store all of these "piles" and you'll even be able to organize them. Instead of rummaging through multiple piles looking for that receipt, you'll be able to instantly know where it's located.
2. If you're responsible for taking care of paying bills, you may become downright frustrated when it comes to getting everything together, organizing it, and stuffing the appropriate envelopes. Aside from that, you may find yourself shuffling everything together on your lap or onto the coffee table. By having a desk space to work on, you'll be able to blow through the bills like never before - making each month just a little bit easier.
3. If you currently have your computer sitting on an end table turned make-shift desk, you'll be amazed at how much more you'll be able to get done when your computer is moved to an actual "work space". If you have kids who also use the computer for things like homework, shifting the computer to a real desk will help them get their work done more efficiently.
4. If you find that you occasionally have to "bring your job home" and do a little extra work after you've returned to the house for the day - having a home office will ensure you'll have a quiet workspace to get what you need to do done, without having to worry about sitting down in the middle of the living or dining room where distractions can be plentiful.
5. A home office also creates the opportunity for some additional storage in the home, as well. If you're thinking about changing a room to a home office, think of installing some extra shelves or cabinets in the space (depending on square footage) that will give you the chance to store some of that extra "stuff" you can't truly find a place for. But beware... don't let your office become the drop off point for anything and everything you or your family doesn't feel like putting away! Use the storage with discretion.
6. If you have trouble maintaining a schedule or keeping the family organized in terms of events throughout the week, a home office provides a great space for a calendar or white board that outlines what needs to happen during the week. Many people have these items in the kitchen, but if you find as though a big, bulky whiteboard may compromise your kitchen's flawless design, the home office is the perfect place to get everyone on the same page.
7. Many people who have had kids leave the home may have never bothered to turn that old play room into something useful. Leaving rooms sit unused is pointless, and your home is unable to reach its full potential. By turning an old playroom into a home office, you'll be adding both value and function to the home.

8. Aside from working, home offices can allow for a great retreat away from the hustle and bustle of kids, bills, and neighbors. You'll be able to kick back and relax in a quiet environment without having to worry about being interrupted. If you have the space, get a comfortable couch for your office and retreat there when the day gets out of hand. It's amazing what a little bit of relaxation in a quiet space can do for stress levels.

9. Decorating a home office can be fun, as well. By investing in some great pieces like quality desks, chairs, and even office equipment like printers and scanners - you'll be able to get your work down quicker and more efficiently. If you've received your degree or any awards in the workplace, the home office is a great place to display these accomplishments.

10. Finally, when you decide once and for all to create a home office, maintain it. By keeping your home office clean, neat, and organized - you'll truly be able to accomplish tasks in the home like never before.

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