



### There's no place like home for your office

Now is the time, as you select and fine-tune your home plan, to create exactly what is needed in a well-designed work center.

The editors of Home Plan Ideas suggest these ideas to find space for a faller-made work area. When designing a home office is whether you need a separate entry or additional parking for clients. If so, call the city's building department about roning regulations.

If claiming the office space as a tax deduction, current regulations require the room be used specifically for business and be a place to meet clients.

More typically, homeowners simply desire a private space to attend to paperwork. If minimal space is needed, consider quiet locations. Look over the floor plan for an idle corner, alcove, end of a hallway or empty stretch of wall, space for a desk. Specify enough electrical and phone outlets to book up special equipment such as computers and phones, as well as to provide for adequate ambient and task lighting.

If working odd hours when the rest of the family is in bed, think about installing the work center in the guest room rather than a main bedroom.

### Decks: more than add-ons

(AP) — Adding a deck to your home can give it new dimensions— a spot to entertain, an area for children to play or a secluded pot for a spa tub or sunbathing.

The ideal deck addition is designed to look like part of the bouse, according to House Beautiful magazine, rather than a tacked-on appendage on which you park the lounge chairs and barbecue.

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rather than a ucknown appenuage chairs and barbeeue.

Skimping on size is the most common planning error, say architects and properties of the properties of the properties of the properties. The properties of the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties. A minimum of 64 square feet is suggested for a dining table and chairs, with more square footage if you want to include a separate seating area, a built-in grill or spa tub. Allow for traffic to flow around, not through seating, cooking and play areas, and provide at least three feet of clearance between activities.

William want leisurely weekend breakfasts in early morning sun brill you do with the properties of the brouse. If you long to lare away the afternoon in a shaded harmock, consider the east side of the house. Except in midsummer, the north

side gets little sunshine and is susceptible to mildew.

A DECK MAY expand living and
dining spaces when located near the
dining room or kitchen, while a second-story deck outside the master
suite trovides a private treetop.

A deck should be planned for comtown and the state of the state of the
scape, recommends your plan include several types and groups of
scating—rockers, loung chairs,
benches flitted with comfortable
cushions. Bull-ins and architectural
interest, but fixed benches create an
inflexible arrangement and should
not be your only scating.

Your design should include a table
big enough for a buffet, plus small
movable side tables.

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PROPER LIGHTING is essential if you use the deck at night. Do not try to recreate the brightness of day-light by hanging a big spotlight of the house and trailing it on the deck. It will provide an unnatural glaring linear distance, and the properties of the provide an unnatural glaring linear distance of the provide and the soft glaring and the soft glow of harricane candles or old amps. Augment it with all-wreather reading lamps on the deck, then add the soft glow of harricane candles or old amps. Here are some further deck do's and dont's.

If your deck is large, try to provide more than one approach to it from the garden to avoid bottlenecks.

If your plans call for dining space, make sure to allow for easy access to the kitchen.

Steep or angled steps and multively decks can be troublesome for youngsters and the infirm.

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   Professional deck planners say



a long, narrow deck is less effective than a square or nearly square one Install your barbecue out of the flow of traffic, away from play areas and at a distance from doors and windows so smoke doesn't enter the house

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