

# HIGH LIGHT work spaces



**Clockwise from left:** 'Cancun' desk, \$899, Freedom; Replica Arne Jacobsen 'AJ' table lamp, \$169, Matt Blatt; Established & Sons 'Font Clock', from \$425 to \$1845, Living Edge; kikki.K Basics Collection of stationery, from \$3.50; Herman Miller 'Aircia' desk, \$2265, and 'Soft Pad Aluminium Group Side Chair', from \$2635, Living Edge

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Avoid the clutter crisis by getting creative and organised with your study and work spaces. **By Annie Reid**

**N**owadays, a media nook or separate home study is essential for managing busy households and home businesses.

Just ask Melbourne-based interior designer Diane Bergeron of Diane Bergeron Interiors.

"I love the 'study nook'," she says. "People are asking for them all the time."

The new-style media nook is a popular trend, doubling as a study space for kids and a station for adults to sit down and pay bills and file receipts. It's typically a dedicated space at the end of a long island bench, or a concealed area extending from the kitchen joinery.

"You open it up and it's like a little surprise," Bergeron explains.

The must have items are storage, from cubbies, caddies and drawers to shelves, filing cabinets and magazine racks.

"And then you can add anything creative in there — including pin boards, wallpapers and colourful folders," she says.

As for the traditional home study, say goodbye to the commanding mahogany desk and executive leather chair. It's all about creating comfort and cosiness with sofas, mood lighting and wall-to-wall bookcases featuring knick-knacks and collected treasures.

"New homes don't always have that formal area anymore, so the study becomes the retreat where adults can get away from everything," Bergeron says.

Rarely minimal, these spaces are clean and practical, but warm and inviting. Bergeron recommends introducing colour through pattern, using an upholstered chair, love seat or sofa off to one side.

"You could include a vintage chair, or redo it in a new leather or fun fabric," she says. "It's a little special enclave." ■



### Tips for the perfect home office

- Patterned stools in media nooks are now on-trend.
- A desk lamp offers practical light at eye level.
- Plants add a positive and relaxing energy to a room.
- Storage solutions from brands such as kikki.K will brighten the space and get you organised.



**Above:** Replica Eames Group aluminium chair, \$895, Matt Blatt