



## Expert Guide on Perfectly Imperfect Luxury Home Office Design

A whole lot of thought goes into commercial office interior design. Yet, so often our home offices are a hastily assembled desk and chair configuration. Now, many of us may be returning to a central office base for a couple of days a week, but for lots of organisations, partial working-from-home is here for the long term. So it is incredibly important to have both practical and luxury home office interior design. But you don't want your luxury home looking like a corporate machine!

This is where perfectly imperfect luxury home office design comes in. These home office design tips and ideas from luxury residential interior design expert Ana Engelhorn will help you to get it right:

### Your Luxury Home Office Starts with a Desk

Whether you are planning a dedicated luxury study design, or converting an area of another room into a workstation, the desk must always come first. Your desk will set out parameters of space and style. Remember that your desk does not need to be in keeping with the rest of your home - luxury home office interior design is all about making the ideal space for working you, not home you. For that reason, bespoke and hidden furniture is an ideal solution. Concealed and flip top desk spaces can convert part of a sumptuous bedroom or dining room into a minimalist work zone. Most importantly, that zone is only present while you are working. For dedicated study spaces, try to think beyond a basic desk. Both bespoke and antique furniture can create a really inspiring room for creative thinking.

**Ana's top tip:** "Having your personal and work separated is so important to maintain focus. So look for ways to keep your desk as a defined workspace that can be cleared and moved away from."



Alt text: Image of a home working set up to show that luxury home office design starts with the desk

### **Luxury Lighting Design**

Lighting is really what sets a luxury home office apart from a commercial office space. That traditional glaring office lighting has no place in a home, and so style and functional balance must be found. Alongside atmospheric pendants and wall lights, you can encourage practical working with focussed desk lighting. It is worth investing in a luxury designer lighting solution here, since this will always be in your eyeline and will simultaneously work as a desk accessory. Don't forget about the built in possibilities, too. Under-shelf LED lighting is hidden and can be flexibly programmed to change the atmosphere of the room.

**Ana's top tip:** "Lighting when working is very important, both for your health and the space. Invest in restored, beautiful desk lamps to provide perfect lighting and layers of elegance even when you are not working."



Alt text: An artistic photograph of a brushed metal angeloise lamp to demonstrate that an exquisite working-from-home study needs luxury, not functional, lighting design

### **Mix Vintage and Modern Interior Design Styles**

This mix is at the core of perfectly imperfect interior design, and it is as relevant for a luxury home office as it is for the rest of a home. Mixing classic with contemporary must be well thought through as it can easily appear jarring and incongruous. The best way to get it right is to build mixed home decor accessories on top of a vintage base. A restored or antique desk or chair, as the central pieces of furniture, are an ideal place to start. Depending on the overall look you prefer, these may be sympathetically restored or reupholstered and finished with more modern accents.

**Ana's top tip:** "The perfectly imperfect mix of old and new should be seen in the room as a whole, so think beyond your immediate work space."





Alt text: Image of a vintage lamp accessory in a modern home office interior design to show that Ana Engelhorn Interior Design's Perfectly Imperfect Interior Design approach is ideally suited to luxury home office design.

### **Use Nature in Luxury Study Design**

You will notice that most corporate office schemes also include abundant plant life, since greenery is vital in creating a productive environment. It so follows that plants are as important for home office decor. Indeed, every room in your home can benefit. Nature helps to soften the working environment and make it more unified with the rest of the home. Try trailing plants from high shelves or create a focal point with a large floor plant in a corner. These intentionally positioned plants create depth and layers in a home office style.

**Ana's top tip:** "Don't forget that plants don't just look beautiful. They also improve the air quality around you, which will help you to gain more focus as you work."





Alt text: Image of a modern office accessories alongside plants to illustrate the importance of incorporating nature into luxury study design

### **Be Bold with Colour**

If your luxury home office is a dedicated space, you may be tempted to stick to a neutral colour palette. While these tones certainly feel fresh, why not experiment with the benefits that bolder colours can bring. The influence of colour in interior design is many layered, and bolder colours can create a vibrant and proactive space. Yellow and orange are great to encourage creativity, greens promote energy, and deep blues and purples are confident, powerful colours. If you're worried about overdoing it, use different hues of a colour to soften the look, and create depth with lighting.

**Ana's top tip:** "Use colour to differentiate between work and home spaces if your office desk is integrated into another room. This technique can help you to switch off from work mode."



Alt text: Image of bold blue colour accessories and decor in luxury study design to show the influence of colour in interior design

### Use Art to Make Your Luxury Home Office Enticing

Remember that your home office needs to appeal to you. Otherwise, it's just another reason not to sit down to work. So art should be used as an expression of personality in your office space. It is something that you want to look at when you are taking a break from the screen. The influence of art on interior design goes way back. Many memorable styles are inspired by artistic movements, like art deco and pop art. Interior design artwork ideas can be very personal, so it can take time to find the right piece. As well as paintings and prints, sculpture and murals are stunning focal points, so don't feel limited. For integrated work stations, a large piece of wall art in the office area can help to draw the eye away from the desk during out of hours time.

**Ana's top tip:** "Interesting art is not just for you; try positioning a unique piece behind you to make an impression when you are on zoom calls."



Alt text: Image of bright, bold artwork to illustrate the influence of art in luxury home office design.

### **Don't Follow Interior Design Trends, Be True to Your Personality**

Interior design trends are a great way to get ideas, but don't follow them religiously as your room will tend to feel out of date quicker. People have a tradition of adding personal touches to their corporate office, and your home office is no different. Only here, your whole working space is just for you, so why not go with what you like? Indeed, you may find that one single feature that has caught your eye can help to influence a whole luxury home office design scheme. This is the most organic way to work, and rooms that are true to personality tend to stay appealing for longer.

**Ana's top tip:** "Look at examples so you know what you like and don't like, but after that be honest and do what YOU like, not what is trendy"





Alt Text: Image of a bespoke luxury home office design to illustrate the importance of following your own design personality and not an interior design trend

### **How to Achieve Perfectly Imperfect Luxury Home Office Design**

The interior design process doesn't happen overnight. This is true whether you are working with a luxury residential interior designer, or planning out a space yourself. Think about how you work. Do you need quiet calm or vibrant energy to achieve your professional goals? Make sure that you have considered practical aspects like visibility and desk space. Then build from a foundation, with positive additions that appeal to you and add to the depth of your space. These home office design ideas are just that - ideas. Don't try to do everything all at once.

**Ana's top tip:** "Think it through from start to finish before you begin. When you don't do something at the beginning you will be unlikely to do it later when you are busy using your space."

Is it time for your hastily assembled working from home space to become a practical and luxury home office? Then send me, Ana Engelhorn, a message. And let us create your perfectly imperfect luxury working-from-home office.