



contemporary & organised

Sydney blogger and interior designer Dana Hughes takes us on a tour of her contemporary home office.

What is your occupation?

I have been working as an interior designer for nearly 11 years. At the moment I divide my time between working as a lead designer on high profile projects with an esteemed architecture and design firm, and crafting boutique interiors as a principal of my little design practice.

I also write a design blog called *yellowtrace* where I share my love for great design and clever people in the areas of interiors, architecture, art, fashion, photography and anything else worth knowing about.

What do you primarily use your home office for?

Apart from designing and blogging tasks, my home office also doubles as a dressing room – a large window lets in a lot of natural light which is perfect for applying make-up!

Your favourite feature in your office?

Good architectural bones - high ceiling and large window. I also love my built-in bookshelf. ■

BOOKSHELF & DESK:

Both the desk and bookshelf are built-in custom joinery.

DECORATIVE SCREEN:

Vitra Algues screen hung on study wall.
www.vitra.com

FRAMED ART:

The framed typography tea towels were purchased at a market in Melbourne.
www.thisisnotadesignmarket.com





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Dana's favourite furniture/decor stores

Koskela
www.koskela.com.au

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www.dougunonbourke.com.au

Spence & Lyda
www.spenceandlyda.com.au

Great Dane Furniture
www.greatdanefurniture.com

David met Nicole
www.davidmetnicole.com

Bunnings
www.bunnings.com.au

Dana's top 5 tips

Creating an organised home office can be difficult. Here are Dana's top five tips to creating the perfect organised space.

- 1 Adequate and appropriate storage is paramount. I have two large drawer cabinets where I store all of my sketches, drawings, samples and work in progress.
- 2 Magazine holders are an excellent way to keep an endless supply of loose pages in order.
- 3 I practice daily "piling" instead of "filing" – I allocate some time at the end of the week (or fortnight if I'm feeling lazy) to put all bits and pieces in their correct place.
- 4 Embrace your own style and ways of doing things – that might be accepting that, day-to-day, your home office will probably never look as neat as those that have been painstakingly styled for magazine pages (I sure have!)
- 5 Bring in furniture and accessories which express your style and personality. Your office should read more as an extension of you and your home, rather than look as a generic workspace. Ok, so this is not exactly a tip on organising your space, but it's still very important psychologically (which will make you feel good and indirectly make you more organised... hopefully).

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