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Working from *Home*

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Introduction

In the current strange circumstances of Lockdown due to the Covid-19 outbreak, many of us find ourselves in the unfamiliar situation of working from home. Indeed there is now an instantly recognised hashtag to accompany this phenomena *#wfh*

As lockdown slowly lifts, but social distancing remains, it seems that 'Working from Home' may actually be here to stay, in the short term for some, although possibly as a permanent arrangement for many.

With the possibility of permanence, *there is a real need to address the how, where and when of our working habits.*



Space for *Work*

Going to work involves a deliberate act that actually divides & separates work from the rest of life, so even if the daily commute is now reduced to taking a cup of tea into another 'work designated' room, a niche under the stairs or into a transformed shed in the garden, this is enough to mark the difference between being at work and at home.

First things first – Finding the Space for Work

Space is always under pressure and our homes are no different, but it is important to evaluate how you use the space you've got and from the least utilised areas carve a space that will become your office. Ideal candidates are spare bedrooms, hall cupboards, under stair niches, second living rooms, garages, garden rooms or sheds, unused corners in sitting rooms or kitchens etc. Perhaps adding a freestanding office bureau or cabinet is all you need.



It can be difficult to envisage how a space might work especially if its uninviting in its current state – a drafty, dusty garage or shed might not look great in its current state, so you have to engage your imagination and solve the problems one at a time, e.g. adding insulation and a heat source might just make that space a bit more appealing!

Work out exactly what you need to make your office space work easily for you: -

- » Electric Sockets
- » Desk Size
- » Comfortable Chair
- » Lighting
- » Background for Video Calls

Having what you need to hand will make work so much easier and stress free.

We can *do it*



Staking a *Claim*

It needs to be clear that this newly carved out space is yours and for your work – set clear boundaries for yourself and your family. Is this going to be a place that is purely for your work with a no touch policy for everyone except you, or will you allow hot-desking for school homework outside of ‘office hours’?

Making it Yours

Adding personal finishes that make your space a welcoming place to be may seem frivolous, but it is much easier to stay put and focus in a space that is pleasurable and comfortable to be in, so after all the necessities are in place, take the time to add these flourishes as it will make all the difference. Maybe a cushion and throw, a poster or some photographs, a rug and a pot plant and some new stationery.

You may surprise yourself after all this effort and find that staying late at the ‘office’ isn’t such a chore after all!

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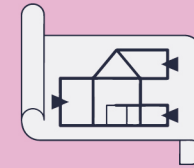
Hello from Studio *Arkell*

During lockdown we've all spent so much more time at home, which might highlight how perfect our home is or just what needs doing to make it perfect.

Whether you're looking to spruce up the interiors of your house, reconfigure your downstairs or completely rebuild, **Studio *Arkell*** would love to help.



We are open & working from home



Conducting socially distanced surveys



Keeping in touch via video call

Chatting over the phone



Washing hands before consultations



Greeting you with a smile

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