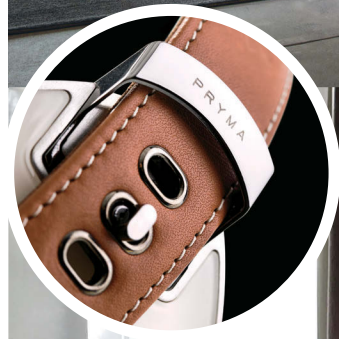


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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Work and lounge with the Bertoia Bird chair and ottoman from Knoll; a Koo de Kir rendering of an office with a residential feel; leather-wrapped rock paperweights by NYC-based A.B.K.; a workspace nook courtesy of Koo de Kir; a vintage Paul McCobb chair adds personality—and good taste—to a home office; design-forward headphones from Pryma.

A ROOM OF ONE'S OWN

WORKING FROM HOME
SHOULDN'T MEAN WORKING
WITHOUT STYLE.

For most of us, cooler temps and waning sunlight mean less play and more work. And, with the increasing population of telecommuters (30 million Americans work from home at least once a week), why not trick up your very own workspace?

Kristine Irving, creative director of **Koo de Kir Architectural Interiors**, shares some ideas to get both you and your home office on-trend. koodekir.com

HOT SEAT

“Problem-solving becomes much more comfortable with a cushy chair. Try incorporating unexpected seating options to add personality to a ho-hum office. Sink into a vintage Paul McCobb armchair (*machine-age.com*), accented with a plushy pillow, or go ergonomic with a swivel chair by Keilhauer (*keilhauer.com*).”

ROCK OUT!

“Keep your papers—and brainstorms—in good order with these chic tools of the trade. Leather-wrapped natural rock paperweights by A.B.K. (*Good, 133 Charles St., 617-722-9200; shopatgood.com*) punch up a real-life desktop with texture. Speaking of rock: Sometimes ideas are born to the sound of music. Pryma’s modern, splurge-worthy headphones (*Barneys New York, Copley Place, 617-385-3300; barneys.com*) look as great on your desk as they will on you.”

HANG IT UP

“For a bold, ‘resi-mercial’ feel, try patterned wallpaper on an accent wall. Likewise, don’t be afraid to make a statement with graphic wall hangings—they can really bring a smaller space alive.” ■

