Harrison Design creates a dreamy work studio for screenwriter Matthew Michael Carnahan’s home in Arlington, Virginia.

Architect Bulent Baydar, of Harrison Design, devised this studio for screenwriter Matthew Michael Carnahan’s home in Arlington, Virginia—and although it was never in the plan, it’s as much an entertaining space as it is an office.

“Matthew had been working in his basement,” Baydar says. “He’s the father of three young daughters, and he needed a quiet place away from the hustle and bustle of the family where he could write.” Carnahan commissioned the architect to imagine a freestanding structure in his rear yard—a construction that would be filled with little noise and plenty of sunlight.