My Home Office Space

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Since I shared my husband's home office space earlier this week (see post here), today I will show you where I work. Since I am in our kitchen 99% of the time, having my computer desktop nearby is very handy. And now that our home is nearly child-free (of course until the next pandemic), we are not using the breakfast room table for meals any more. So the breakfast room is my work space/office. Logistically perfect, but it's hard to keep it neat and tidy.

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My Office Before

My work space is like my brain. Organized clutter. It may look messy to the average person, but I know where everything is. And you can tell what I am working on by the stacks of projects on the table.

Today I am joining some of my good blogging buddies for our November DIY blog hop where they are sharing Home Office ideas and tips too. Please check out their stories at the bottom of this post!

Table Challenges



Ah, the table. I purchased this many years ago, but I cannot tell you if it is a new table made to look old or a really old table. But since I've had it for 25 years, I guess we can call it vintage. When we began restoring this house, the table is where we would gather with our architect and contractor, lay out the plans and make big house decisions.

Nail hole upper right corner~argg

One day a worker, obviously bored, decided it was a good idea to pound a nail into it. I guess he thought it was old and worthless. That was the beginning of the abuse this poor table took. Notice all the chips where the "made to look old" paint has come off.



Then, only making matters worse, the contractor tried repairing it by using the wrong colors of paint. Really, bright green and blue? So I finally decided to try my hand at touching up the chips and dings. The nail hole will stay as I guess it makes a good story.

Storage



Recently I ordered a two drawer <u>filing cabinet</u> from Wayfair since this is a table and not a desk. <u>Here</u> is a similar one from Amazon for less. With no drawers for office things, all the paperwork is placed in file folders. I truly have a folder for everything.

The filing cabinet slides nicely under the table and being a dark color it disappears from sight.



Using baskets and trays, I try keeping current projects organized on the table top.



I am putting my recent melamine tray from <u>My Stylish French</u>
<u>Box</u> to good use. A vintage pink glass bowl holds paperclips.



And this ornate inlaid box is a sweet place for my business

cards.

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Office Equipment

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Since I am constantly using a printer, this new small Epson <u>ET-2760</u> is perfect on the decorative chest. There is storage below where I put stationary, printing supplies and file folders.

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Blending Decors

Since you pass by my office space to enter the kitchen, it is a well traveled path. With a blue and white chinoiserie lamp (from <u>Overstock</u>) and a blue/white vase with flowers, I try and tie my workspace in with the rest of the room.





The large painting by Hector Armendariz Martinez from Mexico is one of my favorites. I love the blue and white vases and platters on the shelves in the painting. This space was practically the only wall in our home where this large piece of art fits. To see more about our art collection, click here.



Two ladder back chairs sit at either end of the table, in case I have guests. Handmade needlepoint cushions with our initials were made many moons ago and prevent rush seat marks on your thighs.

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Beneath the table is a large dog bed. When there isn't a dog there, it's a great place for me to rest my feet.



From my office chair, I have wonderful views of the fireplace, outside to a window of green, and to our family mealtime prayer (painted by Kris *Kollasch*.



Here's an After picture after I filled my filing cabinet and tidied up the space. Now let's hope I keep it this way. Do you have a designated work space at home? I'm always looking for better solutions in this space.



The month has been just a blur, hasn't it? Hoping the fall weather will continue to be crisp and enjoyable. Have a spectacular day and be safe out there.



The DIY Blog Hop

Now onto the DIY Blog Hop!

DIY BLOG HOP



Chas from Chas Crazy Creations is sharing a $\underline{\textit{DIY Can Organizer}}$ for your Office.



Niky from The House on Silverado does a <u>lovely office</u> <u>makeover</u>.



Andrea from Design Morsels makes great suggestions on <u>what</u> <u>rugs work in your office.</u>



Amy from Health, Home and Hearth creates a <u>Command Center</u> to help reduce clutter in your office.



Create a Command Center To Reduce Clutter



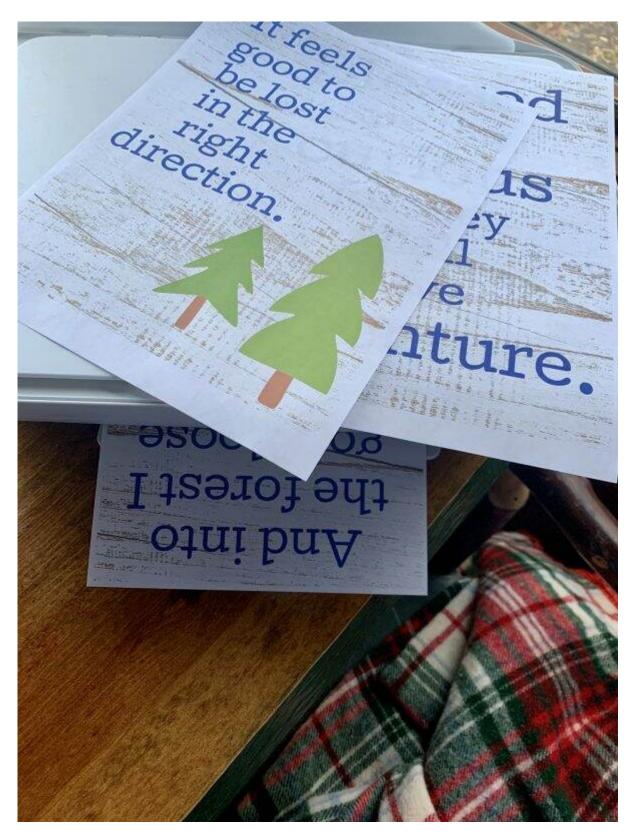
Tarah from Grammas House DIY has <u>small office tip to keep</u> <u>clutter</u> down.



Kippi from Kippi at Home is sharing her ideas for <u>office</u> <u>storage</u>.



Kristin from White Arrows Home has a fun post about <u>setting up</u> <u>a workspace for kids.</u>



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