# How do you make a home office in a small space?

# Here are our top 5 tips for a happier home workspace



20:00 on 4<sup>th</sup> January saw Boris Johnson put England into Lockdown 3.0 to contain the spread of the new coronavirus variant and it seems that working from home is going to be here for a while longer yet. Until the vaccine is rolled out, many of us who envisaged going back into the office in 2021 may have to hold that thought for a while longer. Our kitchens, dining rooms, garages and spare bedrooms will still have to serve as a makeshift office until Spring at least.

In order to make sure that your mental and physical health isn't suffering from the home set-up, our helpful team at Diamond Office Furniture have come up with a few answers when you ask, 'how do you make a home office in a small space?'

Home is essentially the place that you relax and unwind in after a long day at the office (remember those days?). Now, home is the office. If you are short of space at home, don't worry because there are ways of creating a comfortable working space without compromising your home too much.

#### Find the right location:

You may have to do a bit of clearing out but rather than setting up your desk in the middle of the lounge where your family likes to spend time, get creative elsewhere. Is there a spare bedroom that you could perhaps temporarily remove the fitted wardrobe doors from and create an internal workspace that doesn't eat into your square footage? Is your loft boarded and has the right lighting and space for you to build a desk up there? Is there wall or corner in the garage that could be home to some new or used home office furniture?

### Go tall rather than wide:

Build upwards and optimise your storage! Use the full height of the space available to you by installing shelves, stack your drawers, utilise the space under the desk. By working tall with your home office funiture, you don't eat into the width of your working area and start spreading into your home space.

## Let there be light:

Having access to natural daylight is a big plus and fortunately, most homes are designed with windows in every room as opposed to some office plans that are modular and have no daylight at all. Sunlight is the happy vitamin D ingredient that we all need and if you're work area doesn't have much natural light then maybe it's time to invest in a light therapy lamp to help lift your mood and increase productivity.

#### Choosing the right colours:

Ok, you've got this makeshift office that you've thrown together with random bits of home office furniture; your desk is mahogany, your drawers are teak, your shelves are white and your chair is from the garden patio set. If you're a person who likes clean lines, neutral tones, colours and finishes as well as comfort, then it's time to take a <u>look at our product</u> range.

#### Ergonomics:

That patio chair you're sitting on for 8 hours a day, probably isn't going to do you any good. It won't allow you to work at the right height for a safe computer set up and won't give you the support you need for your wrist, shoulder, back and neck – in fact, it's probably any workplace risk assessor's nightmare. Don't worry! We have stylish, ergonomic, affordable furniture options for you.

#### How can we help?

Here at Diamond Office Furniture, we work closely with all our customers to maximise the minimum space you have. We can visit your home, measure up, provide you with 2D and 3D drawings that allow you to visualise how your home working space...works.

We can provide you with a wide range of home office furniture including desking, seating and storage that won't encroach on your home living space too much – and it can all match! More importantly, we have your physical wellbeing at heart; by providing you with <u>ergonomic home office furniture</u> including our popular electric riser desks, we can help minimise any risk of joint pain or serious long term damage.

How do you make a home office in a small space? You speak to Diamond Office Furniture today and <u>book a FREE consultation</u>.