



Eight steps to a glam little workspace

1. Wallpaper Our first, and most important, move: covering the walls in a lush botanical print that takes this space from closet to destination. (\$60 per roll; grahambrown.com)

2. Shelves Avoid the visual clutter of brackets and other clunky hardware with floating planks; they don't overwhelm the tiny room—or obscure too much of the gorgeous wallpaper! (\$19.99 each; 10 1/2" W x 4 3/4" L; ikea.com)

3. Organizers Why buy humdrum office supplies when storage boxes come in pretty prints, and you can use almost any vessel (cups, vases, trophies) to corral pencils, paper clips, and the like? (Boxes, \$89 for three; indiarose.com. Trophy, \$62; shopwine.com)



5. Lighting A dainty chandelier delivers more elegance than the usual overhead fixtures, while a desk lamp offers practical task lighting. (Chandelier, \$276; mauradaniel.com. Lamp, \$79; poteen.com)

6. Chair This wicker-and-metal design combines feminine style with practical function: Thanks to casters and an adjustable seat, it slides easily under the desk when not in use. (\$89.99; ikea.com)

7. Rug Provide a soft spot for bare feet—and a bit of personality to the adjacent hallway—with a cheerful floor covering. (\$95; 4' W x 6' L; dashandalbert.com)

8. Doors That Do Double-Duty

To keep odds and ends from hogging your desktop, take advantage of unused space on the inside of the closet's doors. Cut **pegboard** (\$28.99 for a 2' W x 4' L sheet and 36-piece hook set; homedepot.com) and **cork** (\$16.99 for a 2' W x 3' L sheet; shop.hobbylobby.com) to your desired dimensions. Screw the pegboard and cork into place, and frame with wood trim (68 cents per foot; homedepot.com). The final step: Paint the inner doors.

Benjamin Moore's At Sea (\$18.43 per quart; myperfectcolor.com)

4. Our Recipe for a Custom Desk—That Costs Less Than \$365!



Start with two standard metal **file cabinets**. (\$79.99 each; 26 1/2" H x 14 1/2" W x 18" D; staples.com)



Attach a **wheeled stand** to the base of each cabinet to make moving your desk a breeze. (\$24.99 each; staples.com)



Brighten up your mobile file cabinets with long-wearing indoor/outdoor **spray paint**. (Krylon's Catalina Mist, \$4.29; buyurapaint.com)



Position a ready-made **melamine desktop** on the two file cabinets, and voilà—you're ready to roll. (\$149; 24" W x 54" L; thecontainerstore.com)

SEE SHOP GUIDE, page 130, to learn more about the accessories that give this home office its good looks.