

Biz Buzz



Refresh your Home Office for Spring

Whether your home office is a corner of your laundry room or a room unto itself, it should be an aesthetically pleasing space that you enjoy spending time in. If wearing your favourite suit gives you the confidence to deliver a winning presentation, then preparing that presentation should take place in a home office that is equally empowering.

To promote ingenuity and success, Feng Shui, the ancient Chinese art of placement, can be implemented to ensure that positive energy (called "chi") can flow freely through your work space. The first issue to address is clutter control, which is essential for your office to operate smoothly.

Think in terms of vertical storage and install shelving, a bookcase or an armoire to house materials and office supplies. Lidded wicker baskets can hold files while adding texture to your space. Coloured boxes in cardboard or plastic can keep client information organized as well as adding a punch of colour.

In Feng Shui, the most auspicious colours for an office space are blue and green. Blue represents water, a symbol of wisdom and clear thinking. Incorporating a water feature such as a tabletop fountain, a clear vase with fresh flowers, a fish tank or even a picture of a gently moving body of water will bring these qualities into your work environment.

The colour green represents creativity and renewal. The addition of a plant that grows upwards will add life and energy to your home office.

Since fashion and home decorating trends mirror each other, one glance in any fashion magazine this spring will tell you that fresh, citrus, celadon green is the hottest colour this season, and a great choice to accent your home office space.

By using a few basic Feng Shui principles and updating the décor, you can easily transform your workspace into an inspiring environment where you can be your most productive and successful.



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How Does Creativity Fit Into Your Life?

Nellie Jacobs, an artist and writer, is looking for people who have found creative passion in life, at work, or in their hobbies to share their story for possible inclusion in her book, *Lighting Your Fire!! Re-Connect with Your Creative X-Spot™*. We urge you to share your stories of creativity by contacting Nellie at nellie@nelliejacobs.com to complete her questionnaire.

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