Decor Trends 2022

What are the latest home décor trends of 2021?

Nature inspired decor is on trend for 2022, just take a look at Vogue! Interior designers are decorating living rooms and home offices with large plants potted in natural stones like terracotta and marble. While many of us are still working from home and with some cities going back on lockdown, this has inspired bringing the outside world inside. This can be done with plants, succulents and nature inspiring colors and prints.

As the lack of ability to enjoy the night sky has increased over recent years due to air pollution, especially in larger cities, the desire for galaxy inspired decor has increased. [We have our moon globe in stock](https://www.movaglobes.com/moon/) so no matter what time of day or where you’re located, the moon is within your reach. This is a great item to display in your home office whether it be on your desk or on shelves. You could even consider placing it in the line of sight for a video meeting to show your team members your elevated style.

Decorating a home office is walking a fine line between comfortable and professional. Curved and sculpted furniture really came into style in 2021 due to the shapes being soft and friendly, but since we’re not out of the woods yet with Covid-19, this trend will likely follow into 2022. We don't need sharp edges to contribute to a clinical feel inside our homes since we’re all likely feeling that once we step outside.

Vintage decor items and sustainable accents are really on the rise this year. We’re seeing more vintage books on display, along with picture frames, radios and telephones. Combining two contrasting elements can make for an intriguing design choice. New tech features are also making their rounds this year. Technology is great at making our lives easier, so asking Alexa to start your pot of coffee in the morning or turn off your lights when you’ve had a long day is a nice helping hand. To design new tech with vintage items is a way to bring in the old with the new. A google nest placed next to virtolla is sure to be eye-catching. You could even pair a drone with a stack of vintage records.

Expert designers have been seeing the bold colors and patterns of the 60’s and 70’s making an appearance again in 2022. These bold colors are sometimes muted and often paired with neutral colors to make the space feel more modern instead of as if you're stepping into a time capsule. This can be accomplished by choosing a bold color sofa or office chair and adding complementary neutral colors for the curtains or throw pillows.

Sustainability decor is definitely on the rise this year. Designers and creatives are coming up with eco-friendly designs and choosing sustainable and eco-friendly fabrics and decor items. If you missed our previous eco-friendly article, you can read about a few sustainable decor options here.

Wallpaper is trending this year as so many designs are available that are eco-friendly and recyclable. 3D wall art is also on the rise. You can now find 3D and textured wallpaper and even wall panels that will really stand out. Consider incorporating a living wall into your home office, this will bring in nature aspects and remember 2022 decor is huge on bringing the outside into living spaces.

How do I add storage to my home office?

Earlier we mentioned adding a file cabinet, which will no doubt give you more paper storage. If you’re looking for even more storage options that will also elevate the style of your home office, adding floating shelves will be the way to go. With floating shelves, you can add a mix of decor items with the storage items. You typically have two options when it comes to floating shelves, either open shelves or box shelves. Both options will function very similarly, so it’s up to you to decide what style you’re going for. Cubby storage is also a quick and easy way to add more space to store books, work equipment and allows for another avenue of decor items like succulents or figurines. Cubbies can be purchased on Amazon or from Target and it's a way to add a lot of the storage you need for under $50. Books shelves are also a great way to add storage to a home office. Book shelves don't have to be just for books, you can use this space to add more decor items or store work related items, even overflow desk equipment this way you have easy access to it.

If you’re up for a larger project, adding built-in shelves will not only add storage, but will elevate the entire look of your home office. Built-ins are great because they don't take up much sq footage while still giving you extra space. This type of project may take a while so be sure to get an accurate timeline for the installation and budget accordingly. Smaller items you can add to your office to increase storage is to purchase a mail sorter to sit atop your desk. A pen holder will also be a great addition if you don’t have one already. A glass jar or coffee mug will also work just as functional and give a unique design aspect to your home office.

What's the best layout for my home office design?

The best layout for a home office will depend on the function it serves. If you are taking meetings in your home office, a layout with the desk facing the entrance will be most beneficial. With this layout, you can add chairs facing your desk which will allow for easy conversing with clients and allow you to be open to them as well. This will also be a benefit if you also take video calls at your desk and someone unexpectedly pops in, whether it be a fluffy cat or a toddler running around, you’ll save yourself the distraction of them being on camera.

If your office is just for getting work done, suggest facing your desk towards a window. This type of layout will allow for the curtains to be open without reflecting the glare from the afternoon sun. If you occasionally meet with clients but still prefer a scenic view, consider an L shaped desk. Placing your computer in the corner will allow you to have the view of your window while still facing clients or team members. You will also need a space to store work documents. Most file cabinets will fit underneath a standard height desk. If your work is sensitive, consider choosing a file cabinet with a lock.

How can I make my home office more attractive?

You can make your home office more attractive by picking a couple standout decor pieces. A decor piece that’s really eye-catching and conversation starting is our [Earth with clouds globe](https://www.movaglobes.com/earth-clouds/), this piece is sure to intrigue anyone who sees it. You can also choose one large piece to be your standout focal point. Having a focal point is important for design because it gives the eye something to focus on instead of bouncing around the room. This can be your desk, artwork or even a big comfy relaxation chair.

Creating a more attractive home office can also be achieved by picking a color scheme. The colors you chose don’t matter as much as long as they are complimentary. Blues and yellows are on trend for decor this year and they compliment each other very well. Adding curtains to cover your windows, will no doubt increase the style of your home office. Consider print curtains that start at the ceiling and go all the way down to the floor. This will give the illusion that the room is larger than it actually is and give the space a more modern feel.

Consider designing with your career in mind. If you work in healthcare, consider adding healthcare themed decor items to accent the space. Esty.com is a great place to find small decor items and especially handmade items that will stand out. Another gem is Amazon warehouse, this will give you countless options that aren’t seen on other common decorating sites and people will wonder where you were able to find these amazing items.

What should a home office have?

Your home office should consist of the following two most important things. A dedicated workspace and a comfortable ergonomic chair. Your workspace should be large enough to comfortably work from your desktop or laptop computer and keep necessary paperwork close by. An ergonomic work chair is important because of course you’ll be sitting in it for an extended period of time and you’ll want to work in comfort so as not to disturb your workflow. Your office should also include decor that makes you smile. This will make your office a place you don't dread working in. Whether that be freshly picked flowers from your yard or an art piece made from your child, if it brings you joy, consider placing it within eyesight of your dedicated work space.

Your home office should have a calendar and/or tact board, this allows you to easily see what's next up on your schedule and which projects you’re currently working on and which ones are next up on your task list. White board calendars are great for this, instead of using the traditional large desk calendars where paper is wasted, you can easily erase the board at the end of the month and prepare for next month's work projects.

Are home office decorations tax-deductible

You’ll be happy to know home office decorations and equipment is tax-deductible. Claiming tax deductions for your home office is a great way to maximize your savings during the tax season. Not everything in your home office will be tax-deducted but we will walk you through what exactly is tax-deductible.

1. Your home office decor and furniture is tax-deductible. This includes your desk, chair(s), coffee table and even the art you choose to hang on your wall.
2. You can also claim all of your work equipment on your taxes for a deduction. This includes computers, towers, extra monitors, speakers and microphones as long as you use it for work.
3. Since you’ll be working from home, you can deduct property related expenses. For example, if you use 20% of your home or apartment as your office, you can deduct 20% of your mortgage interest, or rent. You can also deduct the same percentage for insurance premiums and property taxes. You may also deduct the same percentage for your utilities, which may include gas, electricity, internet and even cleaning services. If you have a business phone line or use a single line for business, this may be deducted on your taxes as well. If you use a single line for business and personal calls, you can itemize the business calls and claim those as a deduction.
4. If you plan to re-paint your home office or make over your floors, these are also tax-deductible. Keep in mind larger expenses, such as new carpet may be subject to an asset depreciation schedule.

It’s also important to keep in mind that the decor items you claim on your taxes must stay in your office, this will keep you covered if you’re chosen for an audit. You’ll also want to keep an accurate record of all of your home office expenses to make it easier when tax season rolls around, this way you have to go digging for old receipts or searching through credit card charges.

What are the essentials that will make work-from-home life so much easier

The first step in making your work-from-home life easier is to set your office up in a way that makes the most sense for you and allows you to easily access your daily tasks. Setting your office up in a way that flows with your tasks will make it so much easier to approach them. If you’re not already taking an hour lunch, try it out. It will allow you more time to relax and enjoy your meal before jumping right back into work. Investing in a stand up desk will also help create a healthier work environment.

Consider setting up dual monitors, this will make workflow much easier as you’ll be able to multitask much quicker. Your second monitor doesn't have to be as expensive or fancy as your main one, just try to make sure they are relatively the same size for your own comfort. You can find affordable monitors on Amazon or from online warehouses. This small investment is sure to pay off in the long run, especially if you’re someone who likes to take digital notes during meetings.

If you’re working from a laptop, an adjustable laptop stand will do wonders for your wrist, back, and posture. If you’re using a desktop computer in your home office, a keyboard and mouse support will help the same way. It will help fight against wrist pain and add much needed comfort throughout your workday.

How to make a home office with limited space

If you don't have a spare bedroom to turn into a complete office, you still have a few options for a makeshift home office. If you have some extra space in your bedroom, you can install a wall desk and purchase a smaller chair to work from. There are different options when it comes to wall desks. Some fold down and lay flat against the wall, so when the work day is over, you can reclaim your bedroom space. Other wall desks are mounted on the wall and when unlocked, it folds out revealing a platform to place your laptop and has interior storage space. This may be the best option if you have sensitive work that you’d like to keep private. You also have the option of installing a floating desk, these also come with the option of being height adjustable so you don't have to compromise on function or style even with a small space.

In Conclusion

The main takeaways for designing your home office is to make sure you’re mindful of the space and how it will function best for you. A standout attractive office is organized and cohesive with the chosen decor elements. Keep sustainability in mind and don’t forget about the tax-deductible items!