

Space for ideas – interiors

How to develop the perfect office environment to evoke creative thinking in the workplace

Office workers have specific requirements for optimum efficiency in their working environment. Creative space concepts and a synergy of architecture with furnishings and function with design will all contribute to a happier, healthier and more creative workspace.

Colour

Strong bold colour can give an office a real sense of personality but restraint is the watchword – less is more. Try to see the 'whole' office, one coloured accent wall with that colour followed through on doors, picture mounts, upholstery, even the flowers will look better than acres of over-powering colour.

Planning the office space

We all multi-task these days, so planning the office space around the tasks required can maximise efficiency and allow more space for ideas. Try an ergonomic workstation for computer use, quiet study booths for report writing, or a dedicated a soundproofed area for people who make lots of calls. Don't forget, lots of creative thinking happens around the social spaces too so make sure those are comfortable and inspiring.

De-clutter

With flat screen technology workstations can be smaller and more anthropomorphic. Look for interesting shapes that bring everything to hand, such as third level shelves and curves. Demarcation screens and accessory rails can also help to personalize the space and free up the surface – we all love a tidy desk, and de-cluttering your surroundings helps to de-clutter your mind.

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