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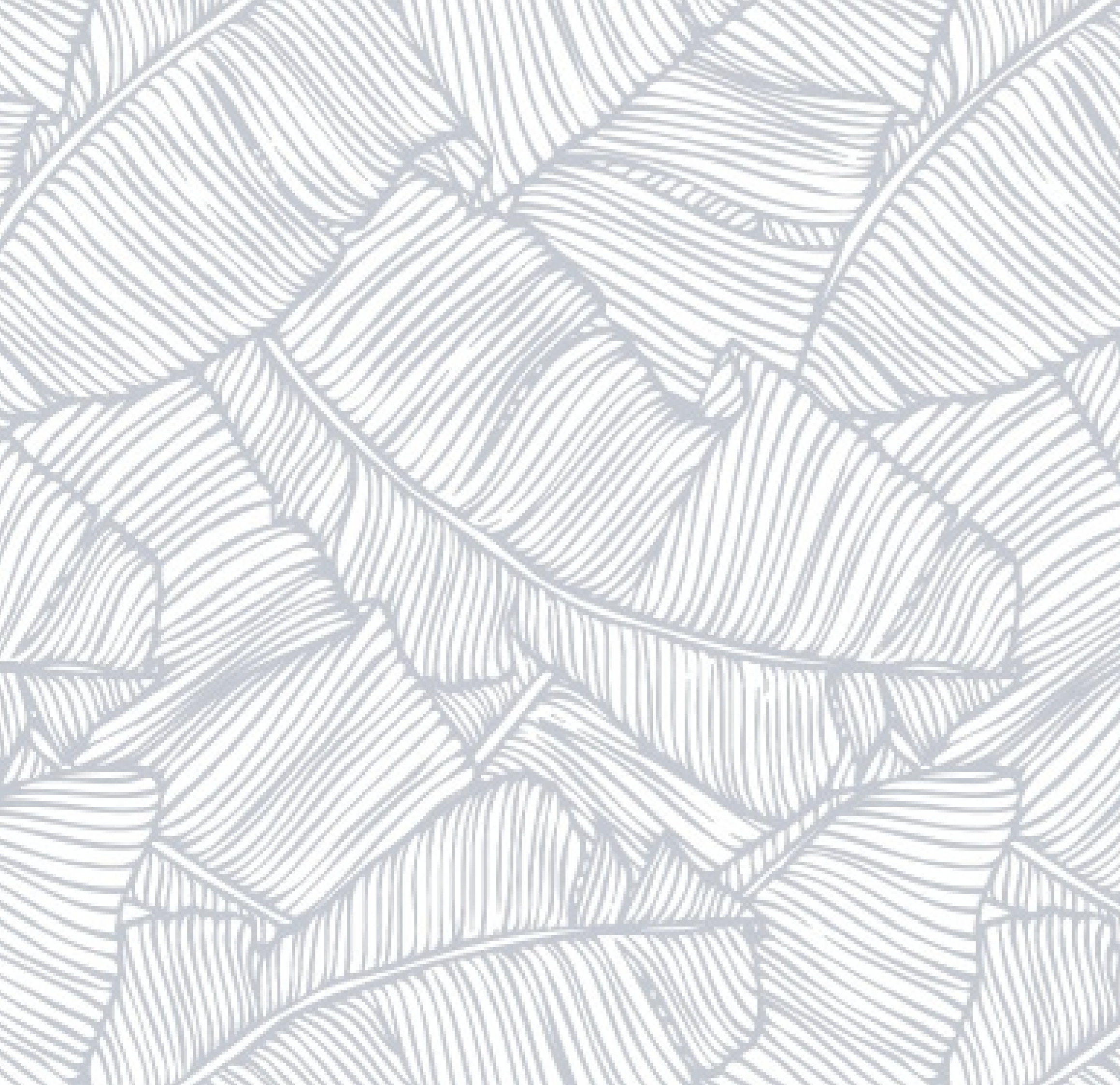


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SMALL HOME OFFICE IDEAS THAT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE THE BOSS YOU ARE

Even if you've begrudgingly begun to schlep into an office on a regular basis, it's likely that you still maintain some semblance of a work-from-home setup. In fact, according to a recent survey from Pew Research, 41 percent of workers with the option to work remotely now have hybrid schedules. If you're lucky, you have a spare bedroom or dedicated study at home where you can go for the daily grind, undisturbed. If you're a small-space dweller, however, it's probable that your WFH space is doing double duty as your bedroom or living room, and that—three years in—your chipped particle-board desk and ugly ergonomic chair you waited eight months for (it was all supposed to be temporary, right?) are no longer cutting it. Don't you think it's time for an upgrade?

Still, office design is equal parts art and science, and small, multipurpose areas require different aesthetic and functional considerations. "There's a big difference between designing a dedicated home office and establishing a workspace within a room that serves dual purposes, such as being both a bedroom or a living room," affirms Ghislaine Vinas, whose firm designs private residences, commercial offices, and hospitality projects alike.

Nicole Franzen



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NEAT NICHE OFFICE

Talk about carving out your professional niche! This office alcove, expertly created by Tiffany Howell for writer and director Mara Brock Akil, is its own mood, thanks to a dusty blue paint job, a vintage lamp, a floating desk, and an abstract artwork by Peter Beard.



Kelly Marshall



Sharyn Cairns

2

MOODY BLUE OFFICE

Blink and you'll miss this sexy study, in a Melbourne home designed by Powell & Glenn. A deep turquoise coat of paint and boudoir-like furnishings—including a Cassina chair and a Gubi mirror—make this area feel equally suited to gussying up as it is to bossing around.



Read McKendree

3

OFFICE WITH A VIEW

Studies show that access to light and nature is a key ingredient to workplace productivity, so if you have the opportunity to place your desk near a window, take it. For this soothing setup in a Pebble Beach, California, home, the designers at Workshop/APD oriented a CB2 desk toward the stunning ocean view.

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MEMPHIS-INSPIRED HOME OFFICE

Just because your job is all work and no play doesn't mean your home office needs to be too. Case in point: this fun-loving office in a Wisconsin lake house designed by Victoria Sass of Prospect Refuge Studio. The postmodern-inspired look includes a floating custom desk, a diminutive blue desk lamp from the Future Perfect, a primary-colored chair from Dims, and a playful rug from Cold Picnic. Next stop, happy hour!



Matthew Williams

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MODERN MINIMAL HOME OFFICE

Many of us don't have the luxury of a dedicated room for a home office. If that's the case, use art and accessories to delineate your work area in a way that complements the rest of your home decor. In the Brooklyn home of Calico Wallpaper founders Rachel and Nicholas Cope, a study nook in the living room gives off a distinctly midcentury vibe, with its Danish rosewood desk and a fun magazine rack by designer Arthur Umanoff. A mobile by Ladies & Gentlemen Studio and a painting by Leon Benn provide artful touches.



Nicole Franzen



William Abranowicz

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MIDCENTURY OFFICE

Like the Ed Ruscha artwork suggests, this Los Angeles home office is elegant without taking itself too seriously. Cliff Fong, the designer behind the firm Matt Blacke, selected midcentury classics—like the 1967 desk by Peter Lovig Nielsen and the Arne Jacobsen chair behind it—but kept it all from looking too Mad Men with a glamorous vintage French chandelier and an all-white paint job. Home offices are a “Mighty Topic” indeed!



David Mitchell

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NEUTRAL OASIS HOME OFFICE

Like many home offices, this WFH area in a house designed by Timothy Godbold is in a bedroom. The vintage Danish teak desk, sculptural lamp, artworks, and chubby NOOM chair meld with the neutral decor of the room, ensuring that—though home offices are physical reminders of a 9-to-5—this look isn't one to lose sleep over.

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NAUTICAL HOME OFFICE

In this sweet study—in the French vacation home that Jean-Louis Deniot shares with his sister—the out-of-office message is loud and clear, even though its residents may not be. A regal, blue-upholstered chair is pulled up to a pint-sized Peter Lovig Nielsen desk, while a rattan lamp (which ties in nicely with the whimsical rope details on the floor lamps and door trim) and sunny Slim Aarons photograph are reminders of the dreamy seaside setting.



Stephan Julliard



BOLD BLUE KITCHENS THAT ARE AT THE HEIGHT OF GOOD TASTE

If your drab kitchen sparks about as much joy as a bag of frozen pizza rolls, it might be time to change things up. And fortunately, you don't have to break the bank on a gut reno, new kitchen floors, or fresh appliances to spruce up your space. In fact, simply giving your cabinets a fresh coat of paint can completely overhaul the look of your cooking space. Selecting just the right hue, however, can be daunting. Classic white risks creating a culinary snoozefest, while a trendy color like black might feel dated in a few years' time. One tried-and-true kitchen paint color that designers return to again and again? Blue.

Unlike other It colors, blue has long been viewed as a classic, and with a veritable rainbow of tints and shades out there, it's a hue that can be dialed up or down to suit your style (for all of you midnight snackers out there, blue also has the benefit of being an appetite suppressant). But as trend-proof as blue kitchen cabinets may be, there's no doubt that the color is experiencing a moment: In fact, at least six paint companies—including coatings juggernauts Sherwin-Williams and Benjamin Moore—have named varying shades of blue as their 2024 Color of the Year.

Before you rush to the hardware store though, consider the unique lighting conditions of your space. You might want to go for a barely there periwinkle (see Sherwin Williams's Upward) or an electric Yves Klein-inspired blue, like Sacks deployed in a Toronto Victorian. "When considering which blue hue to select, think carefully about your home's architecture, and the style of your kitchen," Sacks advises. "A seaside traditional home is the perfect place for a shaker-style kitchen in robin's egg blue. Conversely, electric blue flat front cabinetry makes a striking statement in a modern envelope."

Lauren Miller



Karyn Millet

2 ELECTRIC BLUE UPPER AND LOWER CABINETS

This Toronto home features tall ceilings and elegant historic details such as ornate moldings, but designer Sam Sacks’s goal was to create a dwelling that was “loose and cool and livable” for the young homeowner. Key to her strategy was contrasting all that period fanciness with electrifying hits of blue—Sacks’s favorite color. In the kitchen, Yves Klein Blue upper and lower kitchen cabinets stand out against a white exposed-brick wall. Black countertops and a few bare plywood cabinet doors give the look a hit of De Stijl flair.



Lauren Miller

1 HIGH SHINE BLUE

readers are smitten with this high-gloss galley kitchen in the California home of design insiders Joe Lucas and David Heikka—and it’s easy to see why with its cheerful blue paint job. “Before, the cabinets were all white, and I follow a golden rule—no white kitchens—so we immediately painted them,” explains Lucas.

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FRENCH SEASIDE BLUE KITCHEN

Jean-Louis Deniot incorporated the whimsy of Tintin into his vacation home off the coast of France. No space is as charming as his kitchen, with its custom blue cabinets—accented in neat, cream trim to play up the windows—and old-timey checkerboard floor.



Stephan Julliard



Mark Luscombe-Whyte

4

PRIMARY BLUE

Landscape designer Jenny Graham cites orange as her favorite color, but here in her minimal Argentinian kitchen, she contrasted her beloved tangerine with a bold, custom cobalt on the kitchen cabinets.



Nick Johnson

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GRAY BLUE

As this kitchen designed by all-star decorator Thom Filicia proves, a gray-tinged blue can behave as a lovely neutral in a more traditional decor scheme. Here, the kitchens are painted in Benjamin Moore’s Brewster Grey. Nickel hardware accentuates the cool palette.

6

PALE BLUE EVERYTHING

Emily Todhunter designed this Manhattan home to be “nearer to the sky” so a pale blue, of course, was the color of choice throughout the home—and particularly in the kitchen, where she doused the entire room in Benjamin Moore’s Van Courtland Blue.



Francesco Lagnese

BEAUTIFUL BATHTUB IDEAS TO INSPIRE YOUR DREAM REMODEL

Bathtubs are the ultimate place to unwind and relax. There are important things to consider when finding the tub that's just right for you: Will the water stay warm for long periods? Is it long enough or deep enough for your body? Is it easy to get in and out? And of course there are important things to consider when finding the tub that's right for the room. Does it fit? Do the materials match or clash? Will it stand the test of time? (Bathtubs can be an investment after all.)

First, you'll want to consider the size of your bathtub. Designer William Cullum of Jayne Design Studio says many clients prefer low tubs that are easy to get in and out of. "It's always important to try them out," he says. "The last thing you want is to (literally) build a room around a large cast-iron tub and then have it not be comfortable."

As for the material, Cullum prefers using metal tubs that are enameled because they have a more delicate shape. Marea Clark of Marea Clark Interiors tends to use cast iron as it keeps water warmer longer. Joan Enger of J. Patryce Design, meanwhile, prefers acrylic. "They are much lighter, considering we most always cover them in slab so you don't see much of the actual tub," she explains.

And don't forget the pieces that accompany the tub, Enger reminds. "The overall design plays a big part; the materials, fixtures, cabinetry, lighting, stone all combined create the bath experience." Here, we've rounded up 20 brilliant bathtub ideas to spark some inspiration for your own bathroom renovation. Go ahead, soak 'em in.



William Jess Laird

1

ZEN INCLUDING CEDAR BATHTUB

The cedar Ofuro tub made by Zen Bathworks in Alaska stands out in the bathroom of a Deer Valley, Utah, home designed by Electric Bowery. The black limestone walls and the dark wood ceiling were chosen to give the feeling of an underground Japanese onsen. The fittings are by Waterworks.



Chris Mottalini



Stephen Kent Johnson

2

BOLD HONED MARBLE BATHTUB

In this California home, Shamshiri incorporated “a kiss of blue” in every room—primary bath included. Here, the designers used honed green marble for the custom bathtub, which was then painted in a blue, marine-grade, waterproof paint.



William Jess Laird

3

SIMPLE STATEMENT BATHTUB

If your bathroom faces nature, keep your tub and accessories simple. This minimal, freestanding one by Waterworks is surrounded by a calm, serene environment in a Los Angeles home designed by Studio Mellone with architecture by Woods + Dangaran.

4

JAPANESE STYLE SOAKING TUB

In another California home designed by Studio Shamshiri, the primary bathtub is a custom-made Japanese soaking tub—or ofuro—by Bartok Design Co. The wood for the tub is cut in the yutori style so that the grain of the planks is plain and without any knots.



Stephen Kent Johnson

