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The Blu Dot Desk 51 home office combo is shown in this photo released by All Modern.



This product image released by CSN Stores shows the Rolax plush padded multi-positional footrest. (AP Photo)

### Chic, Smart Accessories for the Home Office

Latest pieces for home office reflect broader decor trends

By KIM COOK For The Associated Press

By choice or necessity, more and more workers are doing at least some of their job from home these days.

Upgrading the home office can be an affordable project, with immediate payoff and long-term appeal.

Joe Noonan, office goods expert for CSN Stores, calls it "the new bathroom renovation. We've seen that people with shrinking budgets, who can't afford to remodel elsewhere in the house, are instead upgrading a home office. Or they're turning an extra room into one."

Retailers and designers offer some intriguing pieces that reflect broader decor trends.

Those averse to brights might be soothed by softer, muted tones like shell pink, milk chocolate and aqua. Blu Dot has a striking desk and chair combo lacquered in cherry red for the go-getters, but the pieces also come in calming pool blue or ivory.

There are stationery assortments in botanical themes, feminine toile and lace prints, as well as bold, linear designs. Lily Pulitzer's new collection sets an upbeat tone in sherbet hues. Galison.com's clean-lined geometrics in cream and brown are smartly tailored, while Thomas Paul's new "Two Birds" and "Blue Coral" patterns bring artistry to the workspace, at seejanetwork.com.

Even those who run a virtually paperless home office still need to keep some hard copies. A set of matching file folders and binders that coordinate with the rest of the room keeps everything looking neat.

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[www.chezlarsson.com](http://www.chezlarsson.com)

[www.csnstores.com](http://www.csnstores.com) - "Rolax" footrest, \$36.99

[www.allmodern.com](http://www.allmodern.com) - Blu Dot "Desk 51" home office combo, \$828



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