

← DESKTOP PROJECT

'The desk sits across from a picture window looking out on our beautiful garden – it's very peaceful,' says the homeowner Megan Madison, who worked with Leo Designs to widen the walkway for a study space. 'I positioned a large closet near the study area for office supplies to keep the look sleek.' Robert Dye Architects could create a similar desk unit from approx £4,800.

SPACE PROJECT ↓

'With similar study spaces, ensuring it can be multifunctional is key,' says Manuel Nogueira, owner of AndArchitects. 'It's better to widen a corridor and incorporate a study rather than trying to squeeze it into a tiny box room you can barely use.' Contact AndArchitects to discuss design solutions. A similar space could cost from £1,000. Bloomingville has a set of six similar wall-hung boxes for £150, available at Bouf.



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LANDING STRIP

Make the most of a generous walkway with a neat work space

BEST FOR Those who are blessed with a wide landing or hallway.

TRICK OF THE TRADE Ensure the space doesn't look lost by sectioning it off with a different type of flooring or a simple glass partition. When choosing a desk, go for a slim design and measure both the chair and desk depths before installing to check there's plenty of wriggle room.

POTENTIAL DRAWBACKS Clutter could be a problem and, as this is an area of the home with heavy footfall, you don't want it to look a mess. Consider

a streamlined desk with storage only for the complete necessities and house bulkier items such as box files and the printer behind closed doors elsewhere. To avoid tripping over leads, make sure you've got proper cable management and plugs in the right places and go wireless where possible.

LITTLE BLACK BOOK A lean-to desk or wall-hung secretary could help save space. Try Made in Design for a range of options, such as the Console Atrium desk by Roberto Tognon for Zeus, £684. →

