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GET THE LOOK

Duo Office Designs

Having trouble focusing on your work? Do what designer Barbara Saskia does, and make yourself separate work spaces

Interior designer Barbara Saskia keeps not one, but two, offices on the top floor of her Harlem townhouse. “The smaller one, which I call ‘Little Opera House,’ is for left brain activities like administration,” she says. “I don’t always enjoy the work I’m doing there, so it evokes an evening at the opera rather than a boring day in an office.” Adjacent to the opulent red space is her expansive white studio, where she does the majority of her creative work. “It has a very different feel, somewhat surreal and dream-like,” the designer says. “I find myself working very differently there—it is more of an unconscious creative process that unfolds and runs through me.”

And although both of Barbara’s spaces show off a luxe look, the designer assembled the styles without using any expensive pieces. See where she sourced her bargain finds so you can create your own simple and stylish look. ✎

RED OFFICE



THE LITTLE OPERA HOUSE

Wall color: Candy Cane Red by Benjamin Moore

Trim paint: Rich Gold by Modern Masters

Curtains: DIYed using red paillette sequin fashion fabric



COLOR THEORY

While Barbara may use all white for her own space, she’s certainly made a name for herself using bold color, as well. “Her brilliant use of color and sense of adventure in design make for an exciting project,” says Scott Gillow of Gilloco Construction. At the Cabinsi project, Gillow worked right alongside the designer to finish the home’s interiors, infusing the space with a vibrant energy that not only looks good but also feels good, too, even in photos.

WHITE OFFICE



Lighting: Ikea PS Maskros, \$90, www.ikea.com/us

Stainless steel table: Ikea Vika table tops and legs, \$35-100, www.ikea.com/us

Swivel chair: Ikea Skruvsta, \$149, www.ikea.com/us



Wall color:
Bunny Gray by
Benjamin Moore

Drawer unit:
Ikea Helmer, \$40,
www.ikea.com/us

Drawer pulls:
Anthropologie, \$8,
www.anthropologie.com

Candleholder: Williams-
Sonoma Madera
Pine Pillar Candle
Holders, \$80-112,
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