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Donna Paul : The Home Office Book before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Home Office Book:

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home - something useful to those contemplating new construction. What species of wood comprises those cabinets, and how were they finished? How was that floor made? The reader must guess at these and dozens and dozens of other questions the photographs evoke. Instead, the author chooses to annotate the photos with useless comments such as where a pillow was made... the owner's collection of inkwells... what artist drew the prints on the wall... you get the idea. One gets the notion Ms. Paul never once asked herself what information would be desired by someone buying her book. She seems more interested in the interior decoration aspects of home offices than their design.

The Home Office Book explores all aspects of creating a workable, comfortable, and stylish office at home. A rich source of ideas, information, and design solutions, The Home Office Book also comes at a timely moment, as one in five Americans works from home today. Author Donna Paul, a contributing editor to Metropolitan Home, brings her experience and expertise to an analysis of forty-five home offices around the country, looking at how and why they work. These locations offer practical, innovative possibilities for storage, lighting, seating, work surfaces, entrances, reception areas, and much more. Whether the office is tucked into the corner of a living room, installed in a second bedroom, or housed in a converted garage, The Home Office Book suggests ingenious ways to work with the space available. Some of the home offices are designed with one user in mind; others are to be shared with a mate or associate. Many of the offices must perform double duty, sliding out of sight or converting when needed into guest quarters, dining rooms, or additional living spaces. The more than 250 color photographs--showing entire rooms as well as wonderful details--offer practical and creative design ideas. With its extensive source listing, The Home Office Book will be an invaluable resource for anyone who dreams of going into business at home.

From Library Journal These two books take different approaches to the topic of home offices. Zimmerman looks at the nuts-and-bolts practicality of planning a home office. For those unfamiliar with the design considerations involved in setting up an efficient, comfortable home office, he gives advice on everything from where to set up an office to the type of electrical power needed to supply all the gadgets. He includes an extensive section on furniture and product resources as well. Through numerous color photographs, Paul shows everything from small offices to ones in converted out-buildings. She considers how each look was accomplished, but her book is useful mainly as a way to show how the ideas from Zimmerman's book can be attractively incorporated into the home. Since technology now allows more and more people to work at home, both books will be useful for public libraries. (Illustrations not seen.) Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist This book is 180 degrees removed from the practicalities offered by such home-office experts as Paul and Sarah Edwards. Although a nod or two is given to budgets, the photographic showcase of 45 home offices is exciting, breathtaking, and, yes, usually expensive. Of course, design ideas proliferate, acting as a real motivator to do something for the home working environment in which 20 percent of us live. A cast-off, stainless steel shoe rack becomes a wall-bound book and magazine holder; old bowling balls perform as humorous finials for a bookcase; and restaurant shelving now holds a myriad of office papers and products. Metropolitan Home editor Paul segregates her examples by category, including home offices for solo practitioners, for firms with employees, in loft areas, for working couples, and in separate buildings. Great running commentary and top-quality color photography--for home workers to whom money is truly no object. Barbara Jacobs From the Inside Flap The Home Office Book explores all aspects of creating a workable, comfortable, and stylish office at home. A rich source of ideas, information, and design solutions, The Home Office Book also comes at a timely moment, as one in five Americans works from home today. Author Donna Paul, a contributing editor to Metropolitan Home, brings her experience and expertise to an analysis of 45 home offices around the country, looking at how and why they work. These locations offer practical, innovative possibilities for storage, lighting, seating, work surfaces, reception areas, and much more. Whether the office is tucked into the corner of a living room, installed in a second bedroom, or housed in a converted garage, The Home Office Book suggests ingenious ways to work with the space available. Some of the home offices are designed with one user in mind; others are to be shared with a mate or associate. Many of the offices must perform double duty, sliding out of sight or converting when needed into guest quarters, dining rooms, or additional living spaces. The 300 color photographs--showing entire rooms as well as close-up details--give hundreds of practical and creative design ideas. With its extensive source listing, The Home Office Book will be an invaluable resource for anyone going into business at home.