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Stylish places to work in your pajamas

More people are working from home, so designers have come up with ways to have a home office without giving up on living space.

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With housing prices rising, each square centimeter is becoming more and more valuable. In the meantime, increasing numbers of people are working from home.

Organizing space wisely, to work decently without taking up too much living space, has become a key part of design.

Replacing clumsy desktop computers with sleek laptops is a start. But the home worker still needs an organized spot to labor and concentrate in comfort.

Furniture designers are meeting the challenge, with pieces that are space saving, ergonomical, utilitarian and still stylish.

For some people, a computer screen and cell phone are the mobile office and that's all they need.

They can sit anywhere in the house and work. Furniture remains a cultural need but isn't necessary for the latter-day mobile office.

"I've been working from the home for years," says Hanan de Langa, industrial designer and lecturer in Bezalel Academy of Art. "Once I had drafting machinery at home, big screens and equipment that took up a lot of space. Now I move around with a computer as thick as a pack of cigarettes, with all the information and software installed inside."

Designers have come up with ideas for working corners, with space for laptop, printer/scanner and so on, perfect for office work but just right in the home as well. But be warned, the minimalism does not extend to the price.



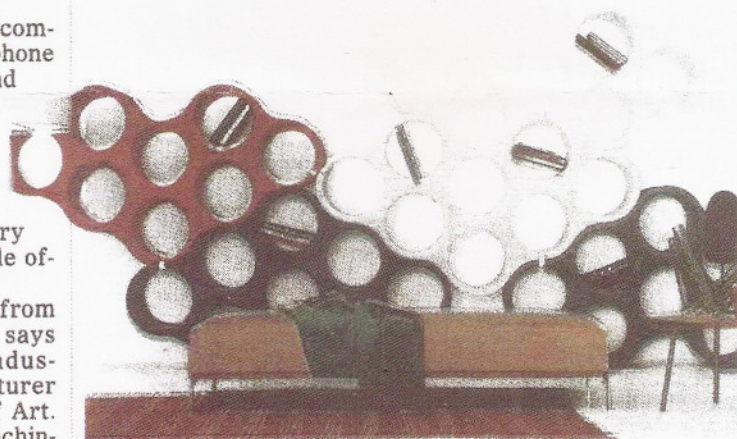
Enrico Colzani

Double bed / office

If you want a working space in your bedroom, but the room is too small for a desk and bed, Milano Bedding has a solution. Again adhering to the maxim of maximal minimalism, they have designed a Murphy bed with a desk that pops up when the sleeper is put away. When you fold down and open the bed, the desk goes underneath.

Price: NIS 32,000

Where: Milano Bedding showroom, Derech Hamesila, Moshav Rishpon



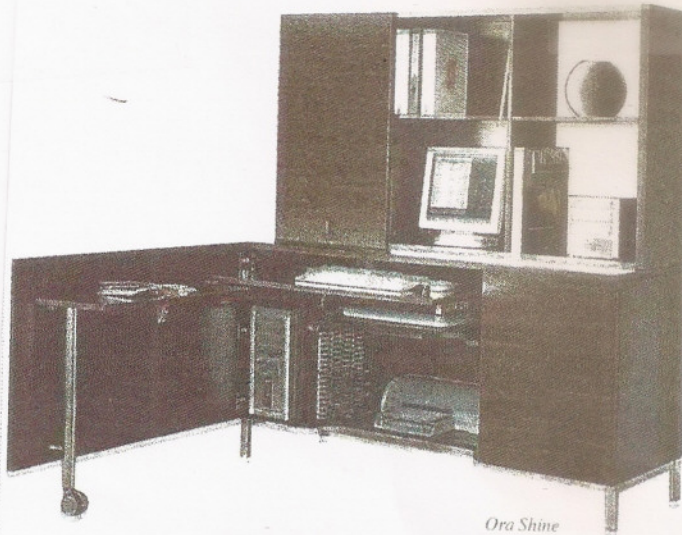
Michael Dominguez

Modular cloud book shelves

Regular modular book shelves involve straight flat shelving that can be put at different heights. The brainchild of brothers Ronan and Erwan Bourellec, the clouds can be joined to each other by snap-on clips and they can come with internal lighting too. The clouds can be attached together in any configuration - sideways, up, whatever. The clouds come in light and dark green, red, black, and white.

Price: Starting at NIS 4,500 per unit

Where: Tollman's



Morphing combo desk/cabinet set

This unit can be attached to the wall anywhere in the home. When closed, the wood cabinet looks like just another living room furnishing. But one of its doors hides an internal unit that becomes a working space when opened complete with desks, space for a computer, and a filing system.

Price: Starts at NIS 5,000

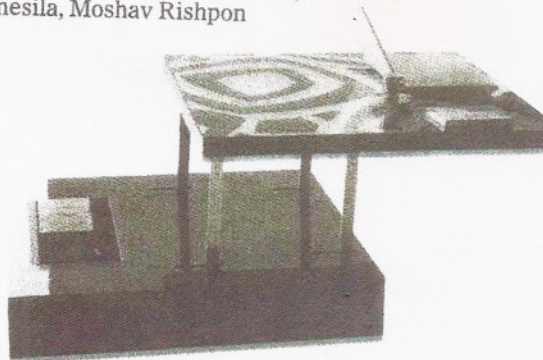
Where: Pitaro, Hasadna 13, Holon

Multi-use coffee table

It's hard to turn the living room coffee table into a working surface. It's low, typically not right next to the couch and inconveniently positioned for the computer. But Milano Bedding's coffee table has a mechanism to turn it into a desk with one easy yank. Folded, the coffee table's height is 22 centimeters and when opened, it's 55 centimeters. When open, the table also has storage compartments.

Price: NIS 11,000

Where: Milano Bedding showroom,
Derech Hamesila, Moshav Rishpon



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