



COZY & INVITING

A home office is a surprisingly intimate place, notes interior designer Wesley Pehlke of Simply Wesley in Annapolis. “Offices are so personal; you have to ask how a person works and what they need.” In this case, her client wanted a cozy and inviting environment. Pehlke created an airy yet neutral office enlivened by shimmering textures. Because the space was small, a heavy desk did not make sense. So Pehlke fashioned a “writing table” out of shagreen, a material composed of shark skin remnants. Rather than taking up valuable wall space, she situated the desk in the center of the room and added shimmery metallic grasscloth wall coverings. Custom built-ins hide a charging station with room for a printer and other supplies. Two comfortable swivel chairs flanked by wall sconces provide seating. The office is finished with a metallic hide rug, hand-stitched in geometric patterns. Nothing in this room is incidental. An antique brass lotus chandelier sheds more than just light. “Lotus has lots of meanings, for good luck, calm, purity, and rebirth,” says Pehlke.

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