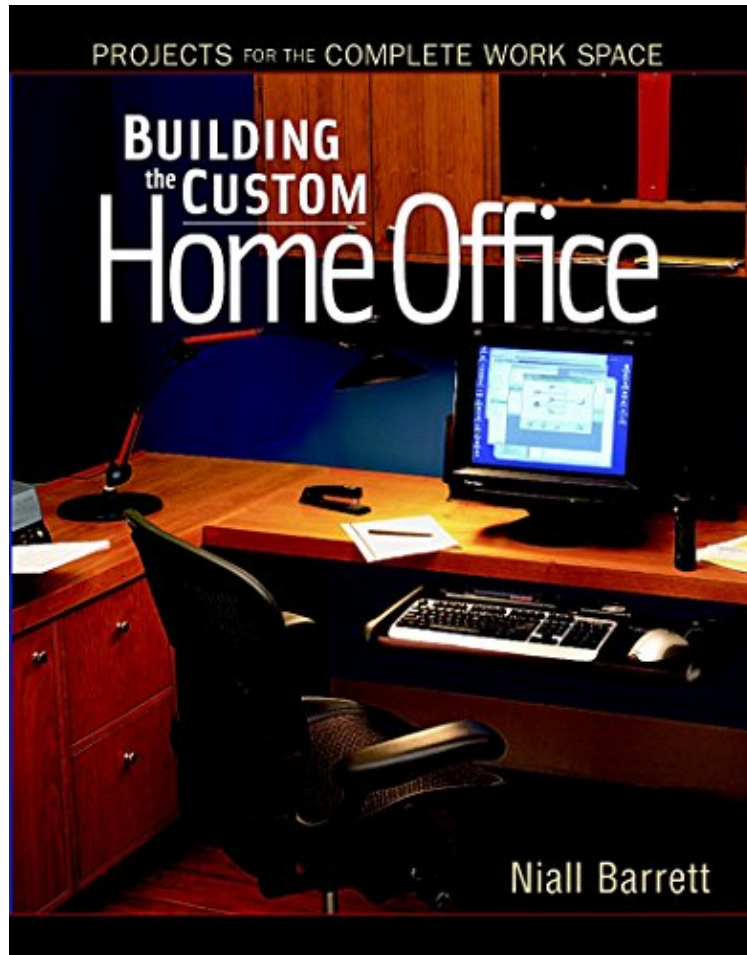


# Building the Custom Home Office: Projects for the Complete Home Work Space

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**Niall Barrett : Building the Custom Home Office: Projects for the Complete Home Work Space** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Building the Custom Home Office: Projects for the Complete Home Work Space:

15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Good starting pointBy Andrew VioletteThis book is a great book for designing and building a home office solution. The cabinetry he builds in this book is what most people call European (or frameless) cabinetry. All the units are cut from plywood and edgebanded. The top and sides of the desk unit he builds are of a torsion box type construction. This is completely strong and imparts a modern, minimalist look. I like the way he used modern mounting hardware for the computer and desk drawer which elminates some of the more complicated parts of building a desk. One reviewer had problems getting the 32mm hinges: both Rockler and Woodcraft, among others, carry these products.I am still in the planning stage with regards to my office, but I have

built both frameless and face-frame cabinetry around my house and I have this to say: the pitfalls with European-style cabinetry is that the measurements have to be much more precise when building your cabinets because there is no way to dress up the edges. Also, unless your walls are completely flat and plum, there will be gaps where the units meet the walls (a good portion of this is solved in his design by developing that space as a place to put cords). This is no biggie, but if you want to use more traditional-style, built-in cabinets, I would suggest getting both Taunton's Workspace Idea Book and Jim Tolpin's Building Traditional Kitchen Cabinets (which you can adapt easily to office cabinetry). 8 of 25 people found the following review helpful. Building the Custom Home Office By FHM This has to be the worst book I have ever seen on the subject. 154 pages dealing with ONE home office layout/concept. AND this is from 2002. Very difficult to get ideas as it deals with one outdated office concept and explains how to build the components from scratch. In this day and age most components can be bought it is the ideas that are needed. Useless book. Don't know how it had over 4 stars when I bought it. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Great ideas and my project came out great By PC IndustryVet I used this to build my custom workspace after checking around for prices on commercial office cabinets. The plans worked great, the tips were helpful and I really like the style of the clean lines of the euro style faceless cabinets. As others have said, I bought ALL the tools, all the materials, had a great time and saved a bundle. And, best of all the sense of accomplishment and knowing that I have a unique layout with features you couldn't get with prebuilt cabinets. I even modified my design to fasten my cabinets to the wall and created a 9' formica countertop with a rounded corner (and my own matching custom design rounded shelf unit underneath) to create my dream space to mount my 27" TV / PC monitor above. Doing it myself let me design unique features in such as where I wanted cords to come up through the countertop and even a shelf in a cabinet that didn't extend all the way to the back to allow cords to pass freely between the two shelf levels. Definitely pre-think every detail of how you'll use the cabinets and you can build in lots of custom touches. I highly recommend the book and have received numerous compliments on my work, AND, this was my first go at building cabinets. Happy to email a photo to anyone interested, brianmi@rocketmail.com

Everything a homeowner needs to know about designing a custom work space at home. Includes information on building home-office furniture, space planning and ergonomics, materials, lighting and computers. Featuring 12 projects, complete with measured drawings and cut lists.

From Library Journal Given the amount of time we spend working, the successful design of a home office is critical, requiring the consideration of numerous factors, e.g., ergonomics, lighting, efficient use of space, and professional appearance. Barrett addresses these concerns in the first third of the text, devoting the remainder to the creation of a modular system of drawer cabinets, closed storage cabinets, shelving, desktops, and a "bridge" (a storage device evocative of the cubbyholes on a roll-top desk). The modular approach allows a great deal of flexibility, so these designs can be adapted to fit into any space and to meet specific individual needs. This and the section on office design separate this title from Danny Proulx's Build Your Own Home Office Furniture (LJ 12/01). Both are recommended, but if you have already purchased Proulx and can justify only one title on this subject, your patrons will still be well served. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. About the Author Barrett runs Avalon Studios, a custom woodworking shop in Narrowsburg, NY. He specializes in custom-made cabinetry for Manhattan apartments, though he has also done some commercial work.