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Our Favorite Room: Home Office

We find the rooms that feel just right—and tell you how to get the look

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WHERE IT BEGAN: As a masculine space with a “dark, safari-out-of-Africa look,” says designer Jane Cotter, principal of Denver-based Cha Cha Designs. But fortunately, the homeowner had a specific vision for its revival. Her exact request? “I want the office in Ugly Betty, but I want it done in Dorothy-Draper style.”

Unafraid of bold color and strong pattern, designer and homeowner teamed up to create a space with the spirit and glamour of the '50s and early '60s.

PERFECT TOUCHES: The olive green Brunswick & Fils upholstery that covers the club chairs, chosen for its satiny, rich hand, was the foundation for the feminine, sophisticated mix. Osborne & Little wallpaper adds a modern edge; white, lacquered bookshelves keep it sleek; and a Grange light fixture (it was simply love at first sight for the designer) crowns the space.

FAB FURNITURE: Kindel Furniture’s Dorothy Draper Collection delivered iconic Draper style with the slender desk, scaled to fit the space, and club chairs. The white chair (left, top) is an original Carleton Varney piece from the Greenbrier Hotel, a gem found at auction. Cotter’s advice for curating your own assembly is simple: “Collect what you love. Look everywhere; there are no boundaries.”

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