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## A Dreamy, Four-Stop Coastal Staycation

From Encinitas to Malibu, These Hotels Are a Dream (Vacation) Come True



# The Ultimate WFH Office Revamp

La Casa Azul Design Brings Chic and Functional Style to Home Offices and Beyond

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*I'm not a designer focused on status or spending money. Working with people, you're involved in these intimate areas of their lives—from personal finances to their bedrooms—so being able to create this connection and develop relationships has really resonated.”*  
—Juaneice Munoz



**Expert:** Juaneice Munoz  
**Job Title:** Founder and Principal Designer, La Casa Azul Design

With remote work set to continue into the foreseeable future, it's past time to graduate from the kitchen table and create a stylish at-home office with these easy-to-follow tips. Founder and Principal Designer of La Casa Azul Design Juaneice Munoz shares how to revamp your workspace and create a clean, functional and sophisticated place for your next Zoom call.

### Rapid Fire With the Expert

- The Next Big Renovation Trend?**  
"Neutral color palettes; black window frames."
- The Trend to Lose?**  
"Overly modern farmhouse."
- Color of 2021?**  
"Azul blue, of course."
- Dream Project?**  
"A boutique hotel."

**Piece of Advice for a New Homeowner**  
"Select staples and big pieces first, and don't be afraid to splurge a little."



San Diego

### How to Create a Chic, Sophisticated Home Office

Juaneice Munoz's Tips for Designing a Functional Work-From-Home Space

**Step 1**  
**Write down your goals.**

- "The first thing we do on any project is to write down the main goals you want to achieve with the space. Like, how do you see yourself using the room in a few years? Will it still be an office? It pays to think ahead."

**Step 2**  
**Create a budget.**

- "Decide how much you want to invest. This informs where you can go shop and what sort of pieces you will be able to include, such as custom built-ins versus stackable storage. I personally love a high-low mix and am not above a good HomeGoods trip."

**Step 3**  
**Come up with a concept.**

- "This is where you're thinking of your color scheme and the elements that you'll need depending on how you want the space to look, feel and function. Perhaps you

want to make it more of a library space, or maybe you'll put a daybed in there and go more bohemian."

**Step 4**  
**Design schematics.**

- "The measuring tape is your friend here! Figure out where the built-ins might be going, what size desk you can fit—I want to stress this part because it's where most mistakes are made. When you're designing something, you get excited and start making purchases, but oftentimes, what you buy is too big or isn't going to fit through the door."

**Step 5**  
**Finishing touches.**

- "You don't want it to feel like a commercial office, so this is where you can personalize things with art and accents. It's also the best place to make edits. Either pull back or add things—maybe you need a plant in one corner or another chair to help balance things out." ■



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