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***and More!***



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**French doors** add light and airiness to a small space.

**Hide** cumbersome (and unsightly) objects such as the computer printer in cabinets.

**Edit your objects** by picking two or three of varied heights to create a composition.

Keep the shell of the room monochromatic and get that **pop of color** in a chair or accessories.

## ROOMOLOGY



**ROOM:** Vicky Iacarella's home office **WHERE:** Northeast Minneapolis **DESIGNER:** Lisa Peck and Emily Anderson, LiLu Interiors

The extra bedroom in her charming 1906 Northeast Minneapolis home had become a dumping ground—to the point that Vicky Iacarella (shown above) couldn't bear to go in. When she decided to reclaim the space, Iacarella, an associate creative director at Target, knew she wanted it to feel distinctly hers—not a combination of her and her husband's taste, like the rest of the house.

Designer Lisa Peck took direction from Iacarella's closet. An Ann Taylor suit inspired the palette of soft grays and lavender. "Elegant but comfortable" is how Iacarella describes both her wardrobe and her new home office.

The next challenge was functionality. On Iacarella's wish list: a table for calligraphy (with space for supplies), a comfortable reading chair, and a desk for her graduate school studies. Peck found a way to create three distinct sitting areas in the small room, which measures just 12 feet by 8 feet. The calligraphy table is an extension of the built-in bookshelves. Across from the shelves is Iacarella's desk. The purple chair in the center of the room is cozy enough to curl up in but stylish enough to become a focal point—and the perfect perch for gazing out the window. Not that Iacarella thinks much about leaving.

—Allison Kaplan and Stephani Bloomquist

## Where to Get It

• Pottery Barn, 870 Grand Ave., St. Paul, 651-221-9776; The Shoppes at Arbor Lakes, 763-425-4002; Galleria, 952-925-1610, potterybarn.com • Restoration Hardware, Galleria, 952-926-5557, restorationhardware.com • Hirshfield's, 15 metro locations, including 325 E. Lake St., Mpls., 612-823-7209, hirshfields.com

## (Ideas to Steal ...)



### STYLISH STORAGE

• Minimize clutter by sticking with one color for storage units. Iacarella found hers at Target and personalized them with metal labels. Hanging label holders (\$16 for 12), from ballarddesigns.com



### ECLECTIC DESK

• Every object serves a purpose, yet also adds a touch of romance. Design-your-own Daily System (\$10-\$400), from Pottery Barn; vintage side chair (\$229-\$239), from Restoration Hardware



### MONOCHROMATIC PATTERN

• Mixing patterns within the same color palette keeps a space calm without becoming catatonic. Affinity collection color #AF-670, by Benjamin Moore, from Hirshfield's