

{TRANSFORM}

# HOME OFFICE STYLE: open office

FOUR CREATIVES REVEAL  
THEIR WORKSPACES AND  
SHARE THEIR MUST-HAVES  
WORDS TAHN SCOON  
PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY JOHN DOWNS



ILLUSTRATOR KERRIE HESS

## picture perfect

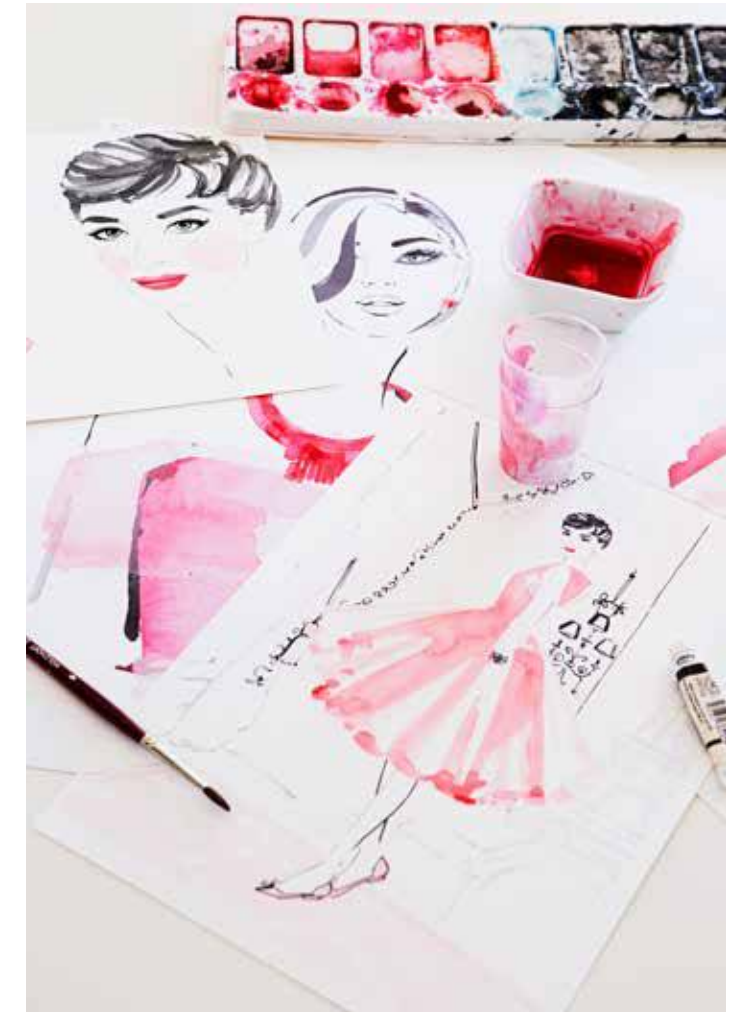
A move back to her home town of Brisbane hasn't slowed down illustrator Kerrie Hess (opposite) – her client list includes Christian Louboutin and Kate Spade New York. Kerrie works from home in a Queenslanders decorated in her signature French-inspired style.

**What are your office must-haves?** "I love flowers and quite a bit of colour. Being an artist [right], it's nice for me to be surrounded by art. You're more excited to get to work if you love your office."

**On your wishlist?** "I'm obsessed with gold so I have my eye on a few accent pieces from West Elm, as well as vintage grey Louis-style chairs."

**Any tips for creating a gallery wall like yours (opposite)?** "I sourced the frames first, printed the images to size and spray-painted the frames gold – I couldn't find gold ones in the size that I wanted. A gallery wall can be created with 12 frames (as in my space), nine, six or even just three."

"THE INSPIRATION FOR MY OFFICE PALETTE OF **grey, pink and white** WAS THE FLAGSHIP DIOR BOUTIQUE IN PARIS, AND I ADDED THE GOLD ACCENTS FOR A SPRINKLE OF WHIMSY" ~ KERRIE HESS, ILLUSTRATOR



BUILDER RACHAEL TURNER

## build it higher

A former director of a classical music school, Rachael Turner (left) is a builder with Front Porch Properties – one of her projects is featured on page 104. The former music room in her home has been converted into an industrial-style home office extolling raw materials.

**What are your office must-haves?** "A good, solid desk. I designed mine and my husband built it with materials left over from a building project. The desk is made from hardwood floors, the legs from scaffolding and the shelves are held up with plumber's pipe. I think my rescue dog, Benji [left], is a must-have, too. He's good company!"

**On your wishlist?** "Definitely a drafting table. At the moment, when I'm working on floor plans, I have to use my island bench."

**Any tips for designing your own desk?** "Measure the space well, have a desk top cut to size and then simply place it on either two trestle legs or two filing cabinets. All of the this can be bought from Ikea or your local hardware store." >



"REUSING LEFTOVER MATERIALS IS **important** **to me** AND IT'S SOMETHING I TRY TO DO ON ALL MY PROJECTS" ~ RACHAEL TURNER, BUILDER

STYLIST AND AUTHOR TAHN SCOON

## decorator dream

HB contributor, interior decorator and author of *The Thoughtful Home*, Tahn Scoon (right) juggles magazine and client work with writing and styling her next book, *Luxe Vintage*. A lover of all things vintage, her office is furnished with upcycled op-shop pieces.

**What are your office must-haves?** *"Inspiration boards. I'm quite messy so I try to create some order by 'going up'. I have a huge inspiration board for tear sheets - and a smaller corkboard for flower receipts and other bits of paper I'd be otherwise sure to lose!"*

**On your wishlist?** *"I would love a separate store room for props and products. They end up all over the floor. I've broken my little toe on the way to my desk before!"*

**Any tips on creating an inspirational board?** *"Framing boards will help contain the visual 'mess'. As large frames are expensive, you can save money by attaching tear sheets directly to the wall and then just buy DIY framing from your local hardware store. Cut it to size, paint it and install it around your pictures."*



"USING **vintage finds** IS AN INEXPENSIVE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND WAY TO FIT OUT AN OFFICE THAT ALSO HELPS YOU TO CREATE A MORE **personalised space**" ~ TAHN SCOON, STYLIST



INTERIOR DESIGNER DRUCE DAVEY

## designer digs

Druce Davey (left) is founder of Greener, a design studio that creates environmentally responsible and long-lasting interior spaces. The Greener office is located beneath Druce's century-old worker's cottage in inner Brisbane and is a study of calm.

**What are your office must-haves?** *"A good office needs good joinery, well-considered pieces to put things away to maintain order and a clutter-free working space and mind are also a must. I love drawers over cupboards for the extra storage capacity and access they create."*

**On your wishlist?** *"A hammock has been on my wishlist for ages, somewhere to hang out (literally!) as a welcome little escape from the work table. A place to daydream or do some meditating to get through the day and foster creative thought."*

**Any tips for running a greener office?** *"I made the transition to a paperless office a couple of years back, retiring the copier and scanner and making everything digital. It removed a lot of 'stuff' and means I can work from anywhere, including the park or the beach."* **hb**

"DRAWERS WORK BEST TO **plans** AND SAMPLES AND ALL THE OTHER **pack away** BITS AND BOBS COLLECTED ALONG THE WAY"

~ DRUCE DAVEY, INTERIOR DESIGNER