Desks

Desks styles range from sleek, contemporary glass-tops to elegant wooden rolltops. If you have computer equipment, look for built-in shelving or cabinets designed especially to hold it. It's nice to have a large counter near your desk to spread out papers. L-shaped desks provide an ideal working configuration.

Desk dimensions vary widely, but 60 by 30 in. is common. The standard desk height is 29 in., though many computer desks are 24 to 27 in. high.

If you type on a keyboard often, avoid high desks. The optimum keyboard height is about 26 in. The ideal solution: a desk with a slide-out keyboard drawer.