

FUNCTION MEETS BEAUTY WITH BUILT IN CABINETS



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Office spaces can often be required to fulfill many functions, especially when they are located at the front of people's homes, or as an open concept in a condo space. The primary goal of the office is to obviously be a place to conduct work of some sort. Practically speaking, it needs to be somewhat private with doors, and needs an area to read, work, be on a computer, as well as provide storage solutions.

But what about the rest of the often high demands? To be suitable for multiple family members to use, to have ample storage for paperwork, books and all kinds of things we accumulate over the years, or family members and more than one person working together at once? From homework to home office or casual bill payments, offices serve many roles, and our job is to ensure we check every single requirement and more by adding some much needed pizzazz, interest, warmth and depth, and make it inviting and luxurious enough to be often be seen as soon as you walk in the door.

For these clients, our perfect solution

started with our state-of-the-art custom built-in cabinetry. We love designing statement pieces that are aesthetically pleasing to the eyes but also offer loads of function. In this case, we went full-blown wall to wall, floor to ceiling with a bold black colour to create an impressive focal point. We added lovely accent trim details in the closed doors to make it interesting, as the doors needed to be solid to hide a lot of clutter.

We broke it up with different sections, some open shelving in the middle to keep it a little light and airy, and a few glass doors to add variety to the unit and to be kept for pretty accents. All the functionality lies below with ample filing cabinets and drawers. This unit provides impact to the room, depth, and lots of storage.

To continue with our functional yet beautiful elements, we have accent chairs that are perfect for the kids to do some reading and homework. They are deep and comfortable, neutral and accented with cowhide pillows.

We framed all the windows with satin textured earth tone panels as high as the ceilings to accentuate the height of the

room and also soften the multi windows and add some elegance. A nice neutral soft rug and a soft muted, but textured, world map wallpaper really adds to the den vibe.

The design palette of the space is all earth tones, soft colours contrasted by deep colours and interesting textures and patterns. And let's not forget the show-stopping unique dark copper light fixture that adorns the entire space. Combining luxurious and elegant items with functional and practical necessities, all wrapped in a cohesive and peaceful decor, make it perfectly suited to entice and welcome a good day's or evening's work.



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