



Hide the ugly stuff!

Use decorative boxes on your desk to stash messy papers, pens, and chargers instead of leaving them out.

boxes Baroque Fabric Storage Boxes, The Container Store, \$13 for small, \$15 for medium, and \$20 for large, containerstore.com



Shrink your desk!

A console table doesn't take up as much space as a typical desk. Look for one that is 30" to 32" high, so you can sit at it comfortably.

"I've used this trick in my own apartment!" Nate says.

table Peekaboo Clear Console, CB2, \$349, cb2.com



Organize cutely!

Use a shoe organizer in a surprising way, as a catch-all for everything from staples and papers to art supplies!

shoe hanger Over-the-Door Shoe Organizer, Household Essentials, \$16, amazon.com



Dress up a cheap box!

A plain acrylic box can become special when you glue a cool appliqué to it! It's perfect for storing jewelry or makeup.

box The Container Store, \$10, containerstore.com.
appliqué Beaded RS Appliqué, M&J Trimming, \$20, mjtrim.com.



GET THE LOOK

1 Create a mini lounge!

Floor pillows are great when you don't have room for a full-size sofa! People love to crash on the floor.

2 Add mood lighting.

Use a floor lamp in your hangout space to make it feel warmer and more inviting.

"I like a lamp because it changes the feeling of the room. I hate overhead lighting!"

lamp Big Dipper Arc Lamp, CB2, \$199, cb2.com

art Assorted Bird Art, Pier 1 Imports, \$30, pier1.com. **stool** Bubbles Ceramic Drum Stool, West Elm, \$129, westelm.com. **chair** Furlicious Butterfly Chair, PBteen, \$35 for chair base and \$74 for slipcover, pbteen.com. **floral pillow (on chair)** Diamond Flower Applique Pillow, Pier 1 Imports, \$36, pier1.com. **gold pillow** Metallic Mix Sequin Pillow, Nate Berkus, \$50, home-decor.hsn.com. **floral pillow** Sari Bloom Euro Sham, Amy Butler, \$60, Bed Bath & Beyond stores. **pink pillow** Chrysanthemum Floral Euro Sham, DKNY, \$60, dknynhome.com. **rug** Ultra Plush Rug in Ivory, PBteen, \$269 for 5' x 8', pbteen.com.



Make a chair cozy

Use a dining chair at your desk with a fluffy cushion. It looks bold and feels cozy.

chair Darby Chair, JCPenney, \$119, jcp.com.
pillow Mongolia Pillow Cover, West Elm, \$59 for 16" square, westelm.com.

