

## Corner Desks – Pro Tips

### 1 Distinguish Corner Desks from L-Shapes

A corner desk has a triangular or angled corner section specifically designed to occupy a room corner efficiently, while an L-shaped desk creates a right-angle work area using two straight sections. Corner desks are typically smaller, optimized for compact spaces. If you need substantial workspace on both wings, an L-shape provides more usable surface area per dollar.

### 2 Maximize a Small Office

Corner desks excel in small to medium offices precisely because they utilize corner space that would otherwise be wasted. Position a corner desk to face the room rather than the wall — this keeps you oriented toward the door for visitor access and gives the space an open, welcoming feel. Leave at least 60 inches of clearance behind the desk for chair roll-out.

### 3 Use a Peninsula Desk in Open Plans

In open-plan or shared spaces, a peninsula-style corner configuration positions the desk as a room divider with workspace on one side and visitor seating on the other. This creates a natural meeting point without requiring a separate conference table for casual conversations, making corner configurations particularly valuable in small-business and home-office environments.

### 4 Monitor Placement at the Corner

The corner section of a corner desk is the natural location for your monitor — it centralizes the screen in your primary sightline and utilizes an area that's difficult to use for paper-based tasks. Use a monitor arm to achieve exact positioning, especially if you're seated off-center relative to the corner. Adjust arm reach to maintain 20–28 inches between screen and eyes.

### 5 Consider Keyboard Tray Depth

Corner desks with shallow corner sections may not have adequate depth for a keyboard and mouse directly on the surface at an ergonomic distance. Measure the distance from the front edge of the desk to the monitor position. If less than 20 inches remains for keyboard and mouse, a keyboard tray that mounts under the surface and extends toward the user is essential for comfortable use.

### 6 Accessorize with an Overhead Hutch

Many corner desk models offer a matching overhead hutch that sits on the desk surface and provides display shelves, closed storage, and often integrated task lighting. A hutch dramatically increases storage capacity without increasing floor footprint. If your corner desk will hold reference materials, framed photos, or awards, a hutch transforms it from a work surface into a complete personal workstation.

### 7 Plan for Printer and Equipment Placement

Corner desks are frequently used in home offices or small business environments where the printer, scanner, or other equipment needs to live on or near the desk. Measure your equipment and map placement before ordering — many corner desk configurations don't leave a separate flat zone for a printer once monitors and other items are placed. A printer stand alongside the desk is often more practical.

### 8 Choose a Finish That Brightens the Space

Corner desks sit in corners, which are naturally darker areas of a room due to reduced natural light. Choose lighter laminate finishes (white, light grey, maple, light wood tones) to reflect light and keep the workspace feeling open. Dark finishes in dark corners create a visually heavy, cave-like effect that reduces apparent room size and working comfort.

### 9 Right vs. Left Orientation

Corner desks are typically offered in right-facing and left-facing orientations, referring to which side the longer wing extends toward. Determine which orientation suits your room layout and workflow before ordering. This is especially important if you plan to add matching storage pieces — the return orientation affects how coordinating credenzas and filing units can be placed alongside the desk.

### 10 Professional-Grade vs. Home Office Designs

Home-office corner desks are significantly lighter, less durable, and less configurable than commercial-grade products. For daily professional use — 8+ hours per day, 5 days per week — invest in a commercial-grade corner desk with solid construction, robust cable management, and appropriate warranty coverage. The difference in useful lifespan and appearance retention justifies the investment in any professional setting.