

Writing Desks

These are the 5 most commonly asked questions about writing desks for office and home office environments, with clear answers to help you make a confident, well-informed purchase decision.

Top 5 Questions — Writing Desks

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What is a writing desk?

A writing desk is a purposefully refined work surface -- minimal in storage, clean in profile, and timeless in form. At OfficeFurniture2go, our 30+ years of experience equip us to say with authority that the writing desk remains one of the most versatile pieces in any professional or residential space. Ranging from 40" to 60" wide and 20" to 24" deep, these desks serve focused solo work: correspondence, reading, laptop use, and concentrated creative tasks. They differ from executive desks in their intentional simplicity -- no dual pedestals, no overhead hutch -- making them equally at home in a corner of the living room or a dedicated home office.

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What sizes do writing desks come in?

OfficeFurniture2go carries writing desks across the full range the category supports -- from compact 40" models suited to a bedroom alcove or a side office, up to generous 60" surfaces that anchor a dedicated home office without the bulk of a full executive configuration. Depth runs 20"-24", placing the surface at the optimal distance for laptop use and single-monitor setups. Our team, with 30+ years of experience sourcing commercial and residential office furniture, recommends choosing the widest desk your room comfortably accommodates -- surface area is rarely something clients wish they had less of.

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Are writing desks good for computer use?

Writing desks are well-suited to laptop work and modest single-monitor configurations -- particularly when the surface depth reaches 22"-24". For clients seeking a more complete workstation, OfficeFurniture2go recommends pairing a 60"W writing desk with a quality monitor arm, which positions the screen at the correct ergonomic distance regardless of desk depth. With 30+ years of experience outfitting both commercial offices and executive home spaces, we consistently guide clients toward this combination when they value the writing desk aesthetic but need genuine computer productivity.

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What is a Parsons desk?

The Parsons desk is among the most architecturally resolved writing desk designs in the modern furniture canon. Its defining characteristic -- a rectangular top and four legs of identical proportion, forming a seamless visual block -- was developed at the Parsons School of Design and has remained influential for decades. At OfficeFurniture2go, we view the Parsons desk as the ideal foundation for a clean, professional home office: its simplicity means it adapts to virtually any interior, and its lack of ornamentation keeps the focus on the work at hand. Available in lacquered, laminate, and veneer finishes across multiple sizes.

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What is a secretary desk?

The secretary desk is one of furniture history's most elegant solutions to the problem of limited space. By concealing a complete writing workspace -- including an interior of cubbies, letter slots, and small drawers -- behind a fold-down front panel, the secretary desk creates a purposeful distinction between work time and personal time: when the leaf is up, the desk disappears. OfficeFurniture2go's curated selection includes both traditional antique-inspired secretary desks in warm hardwood finishes and contemporary versions with cleaner profiles. With 30+ years of experience, we help clients determine whether the secretary desk's compact functionality serves their space better than a traditional open writing desk.

Have more questions? Our office furniture specialists are ready to help.

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