

the look and feel of your office space is just as important. If the goal is to create an inspiring work environment, the style of furniture and the choice of colours and fabrics are all important elements.

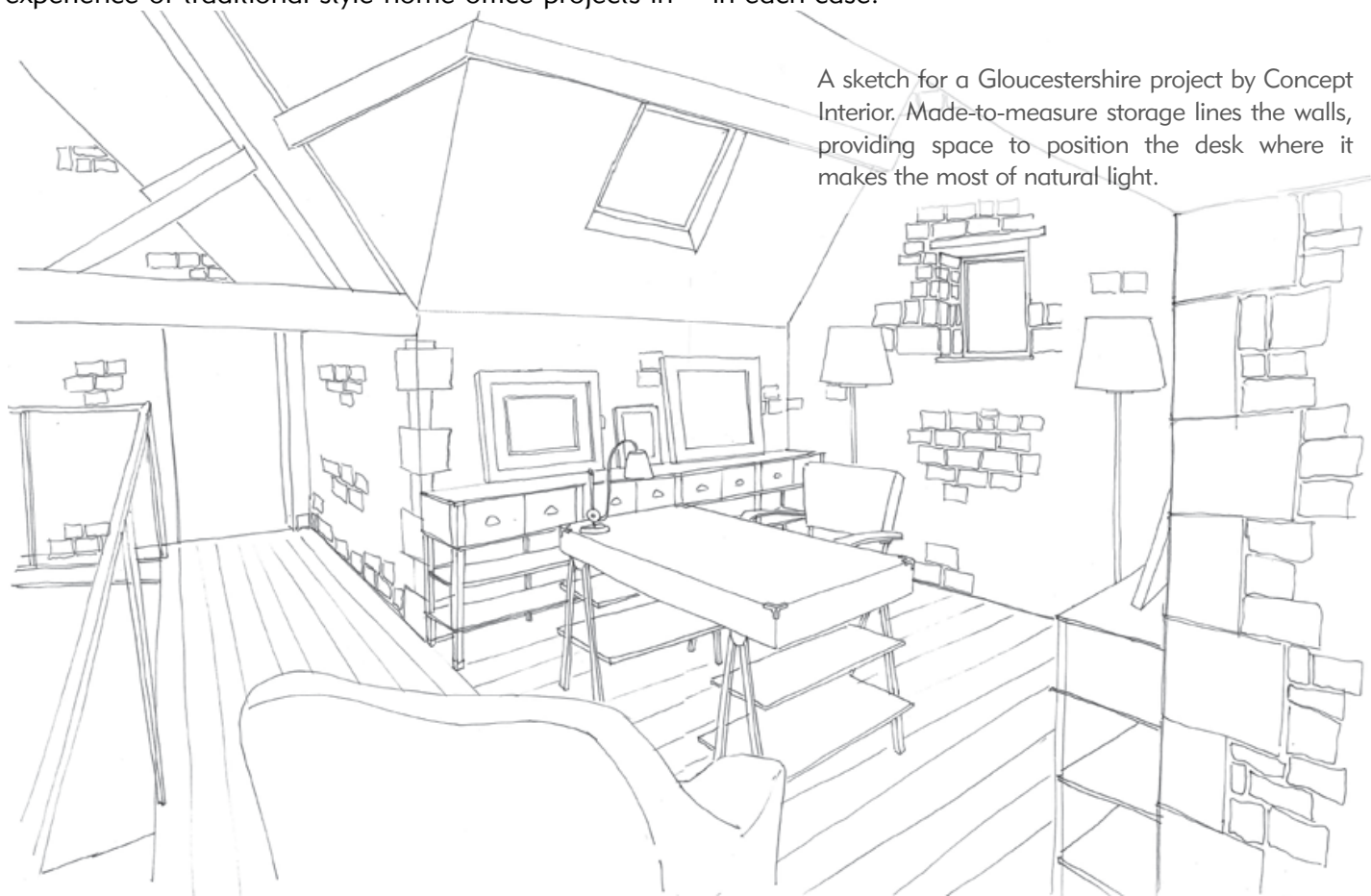
For a contemporary, professional style office, fitted furniture specialists can provide a fully co-ordinated look. They include Roundhouse Design and Sliderobes, both of which have projects pictured here. The barely-there glass desk in Sliderobes' office shows that a minimalist-style desk can be quite large without seeming obtrusive.

To suit a more traditional home, a bespoke maker may be your choice. The two Hutchinson Furniture projects pictured here demonstrate one of the most appealing qualities of such pieces: they can be made to reflect and enhance their environment.

Or, you may prefer to source vintage or antique pieces. Interior designer Claire Collins, who is Founder and Creative Director of Concept Interior, has experience of traditional style home office projects in

Gloucestershire. She describes one, indicating that a traditional look office can be improved upon with modern sleights of hand. "To capture the traditional feel, we teamed a re-upholstered 200 year old chair we found in an antique shop with a contemporary desk we designed from scratch, and we also built in some bookcases around the room. The desk has hollow legs to hide all the wires and even the plugs have been hidden in panels on the desk top. And the bookcases aren't all real. The two main bookcases are genuine, but as it steps out into the room to go around the corner, the bookcase becomes an illusion, complete with trompe l'oeil books, all to keep the line of the design going around the room."

The project Claire describes, like those others pictured, reveals something important about successful office design: you are creating an environment that will be easy to work in and, as importantly, help you to feel inspired – and what that requires is personal in each case.



A sketch for a Gloucestershire project by Concept Interior. Made-to-measure storage lines the walls, providing space to position the desk where it makes the most of natural light.

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