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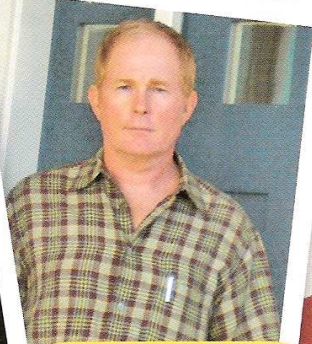
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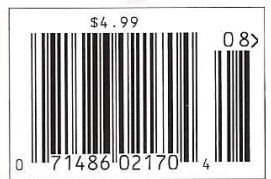
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Top 10 HOME OFFICE MAKEOVER TIPS

Take a Few Moments to Clean Up and Organize the Lifeblood of Your Home Office

By CableOrganizer.com

Just about every home office contains a mind-numbing tangle of wires, cables, and equipment. The more productive and high-tech the office, the more the tangled mess that is the foundation of home-based business productivity. These cables are the lifeblood of your office technology, and it's important to organize, arrange, and manage any unruly and unsightly wiring.

"Whether in a home or workplace setting, getting your office organized and "under control" is not only aesthetically pleasing, but also makes the environment safer and often helps people increase their productivity," notes CableOrganizer.com co-founder and COO Paul Holstein. With this in mind, CableOrganizer.com offers these "Top 10 Office Makeover Tips" for effective cable and wire management:

1. Cable Control: Computer cables can be protected and organized in a number of ways and many products exist to remedy this problem, including the use of "cable tamers" — affordable translucent split tubes that bundle wires and cables tidily under your office desk, leaving the floor free of clutter. Woven Wrap-Arounds and Cable-Safe™ Complete Cable Managers are other fantastic wire management options. The point is, taming those wires is office makeover mission number one.

2. Computer Wire Management: Cable ties and Velcro wraps are extremely effective and inexpensive ways to organize loose wires and outlets in the work area. For example, affixing Velcro to the back of a power surge protector allows you to fasten it to the side of your desk, so it's not only organized but also out of sight. Or, quickly and easily bundle those loose wires with some cable ties — a budget-friendly way to keep the office tidy and efficient.

3. Desk Outlets: How nice would it be to have your RJ45, Cat5, Cat6, and power out-

lets all in one area? Very...and desk outlets are just the ticket! Whether you attach one to your desk, or grab a few for the conference room, pop-up desk outlets are helpful in making things more efficient as well as organizing the cables around your work area. They are especially useful when installed to adhere to a conference room table. These nifty outlets can even be customized to accommodate your particular needs.

4. Desk Grommets: If your biggest cable mess is the one on top of your desk, go "pro" with desk grommets that allow you to organize your office desk by compiling and routing the cords from your phone, fax, and computer below the work surface and out of sight.

5. Surface Raceways: Home office wires that run across the floor to a distant outlet are among the most dangerous office situations, with a high risk of injuries or damaged equipment (and liabilities related thereto). Fortunately, surface raceways are readily available and easy ways to organize and protect electrical cords that run along the floor or on the wall. These "cable channels" are made of tough PVC and can be painted to match your home or remote office decor.

6. Cord Protectors: These wire cover systems are other great ways to keep from tripping on loose cables and cords running across a walkway or behind your desk. Cord protectors cover, hide, and protect cords and cables while keeping floors clear and safe. They also lie flat, and stay flat and are decidedly easy to install.

7. Computer Cable Clips, Ties, & Wraps: Beyond protection, a breadth of products is available to neaten that tangle of cords. Computer cable clips, cable wraps, and cable ties will ensure that your office environment is not only safe but tidy as well.

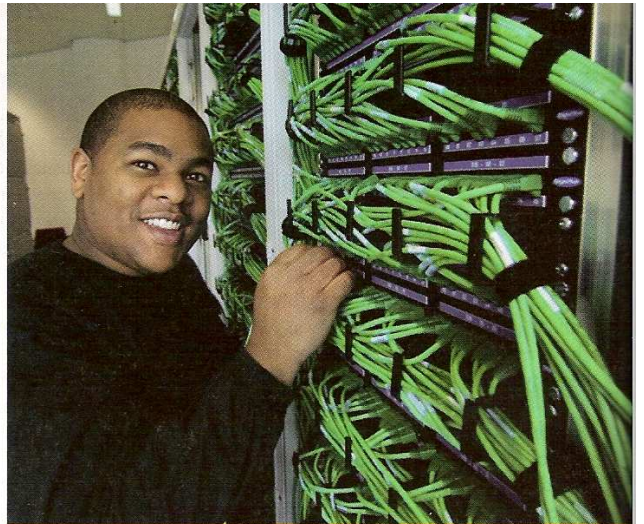
8. Label Makers: These are an organizer's best friends. In addition to the typical, and wonderful, use for labeling storage and other containers, labeling also prevents equipment wiring from becoming entangled and generally mixed up.

9. Storage Containers: Clearly labeled and organized storage containers are office must-haves to store papers, files, workbooks, office supplies, electronics, and the litany of other items that commonly stack up so that even the desk is hard to find!

10. LCD Display Monitor Mounts: Implement a solution that will free up valuable desk space and relieve the eye, neck, and back strain of viewing LCD monitors. Adjustable LCD Monitor Mount Arms, Stands, and Wall Mounts such as MOView® systems are just the ticket! **HBM**

CableOrganizer.com offers around-the-clock, single-point access to the most complete selection of products that serve to manage cable, wire, hardware, and other office home or remote office and workplace equipment. The company also publishes "On the Wire," a free monthly electronic newsletter with a considerable multi-national opt-in circulation base. For more information, visit www.cableorganizer.com.

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