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Efficient Workplace

[9 things you can do to make working from home more joyful \(TED\)](#)

“For those of you new to working from home, there’s lots of advice out there about how to deal with the pitfalls and stay productive and sane (“Take a shower!” “Don’t spend too much time on social media!”). But from my own experience, working from home can be a real delight if you let it. So I’d like to share a few ideas for creating a workspace and routines that will make working from home a joyful, sustainable experience.”

[8 Tips To Make Working From Home Work For You \(NPR\)](#)

“Here are some pro-tips for working remotely, possibly for an extended period of time.”

[Top working from home tips from around the world \(BBC\)](#)

“Despite the challenges, many have discovered working from home amid a pandemic can still be a productive and even rewarding experience with the right mindset and behaviours.”

[23 Essential Tips for Working Remotely \(Inc.\)](#)

“Many organizations have asked employees to work remotely during the coronavirus outbreak. If you’ve never worked from home, this can be a challenge.”

[6 Ways to Keep Your Team Productive While Working From Home \(US Chamber](#)

of Commerce)

“Working from home means more distractions, fewer ways to interact naturally with fellow employees, and more social isolation — all of which can lead to less productivity. To overcome these challenges, employers should explore new ways to manage and collaborate with employees and enable more ways for employees to connect with each other.”

[5 Tips for Staying Productive and Mentally Healthy While You're Working From Home \(TIME\)](#)

“So, first thing’s first: you should probably sit up straight, eat some breakfast, and put on some pants. How else can you stay focused on the job and mentally healthy while working remotely? Here are four tips from work-from-home veterans and workplace experts.”

[A Guide to Managing Your \(Newly\) Remote Workers \(Harvard Business Review\)](#)

“To start, managers need to understand factors that can make remote work especially demanding. Otherwise high-performing employees may experience declines in job performance and engagement when they begin working remotely, especially in the absence of preparation and training.”

[Top 15 Tips To Effectively Manage Remote Employees \(Forbes\)](#)

“While this is the ultimate work scenario for many employees, it can be difficult for many managers to come to grips with. You may feel like you have no control over the situation or find that gaining a trust level with a remote team can be a bit of a challenge. Yet, it is the way of the future of the workplace, and managers need to adapt to make the situation work for everyone involved.”

[15 Questions About Remote Work, Answered \(Harvard Business Review\)](#)

“Tsedal Neeley, a professor at Harvard Business School, has spent two decades helping companies learn how to manage dispersed teams. In this edited Q&A, drawn from a recent HBR subscriber video call in which listeners were able to ask questions, she offers guidance on how to work productively at home, manage virtual meetings, and lead teams through this time of crisis.”

Fun Family Space

[Stuck at Home? Here's How to Build the Best Blanket Fort](#)

“Many parents in the world are scrambling right now to find ways to fill the days their child would normally be in a classroom and we have some help for you. Kids love forts, adults love forts, and when we are all stuck at home with hours to fill building a blanket fort can bring endless amounts of fun to the day. Setting it up as a secret hideout, a movie theater, a quiet space, a time machine, whatever and wherever the magic of imagination takes you. Blanket forts can become anything the inhabitant wants them to be adding to the appeal and magic of a good old-fashioned blanket fort.”

[How to Make a Blanket Fort—Plus Ideas for Your Best Fort Ever](#)

“Whether blanket forts are one of the best (if not the best) is debatable, but what’s not debatable is that learning how to make a blanket fort (if you don’t already know) or teaching your kids to build a blanket fort is a whole lot of fun.”

[How to Build a Great Blanket Fort](#)

“But if you want to go beyond elementary building, take it to the next level. And no, not cardboard boxes.”

18 Epic Indoor Forts You'll Want to Live In

"We've gathered up some seriously wow-worthy indoor forts to inspire your next creation. Grab your pajamas and your pillows and get building."

25 DIY Forts to Build with Your Kids This Summer

"There are a ton of options for forts, depending on how permanent or portable you want it to be, how big or small, inside or outdoors, and available materials."

Epic Outdoor Forts You Can Set Up Yourself

"You can build an amazing fort right in your own backyard, and you don't even need an engineering degree to pull it off."

14 Mind-Blowing Outdoor Art Spaces You Can Set Up Today

"When it comes to innovation, parents can get pretty crafty with just a handful of items. Case in point: these killer outdoor art studios, set up by parents for their creative geniuses."

Make a Fort: 7 Fort Ideas for Hours of Backyard Fun

"...sending your kids outside to make a fort is a time-honored tradition, and it can keep the kids busy and engaged in creative play for hours."

-Emily, New Oxford Library

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