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Inside the offices of young SUCCESSFUL WOMEN

Over beige walls?
 Get inspired by two
clever chicks
who've styled up their
WORK SPACES

Lara Dall'Alba, 29

OWNER, DESTINATIONSTYLE.COM.AU (FASHION E-BOUTIQUE).

MY SPACE: My office is just a few metres from my bedroom! The feature is a painting of Audrey Hepburn: the black, white and pink pop art image is both chic and feminine – a great inspiration for my fashion business.

HOW I'VE MADE IT MY OWN: My mood board (far left) is a great motivational tool. It's decorated with pictures of fashion, travel destinations and a selection of inspiring quotes.

MY TIME, MY WAY: I keep a separate folder for every day of the week, each with its own timetable. I have recurring set tasks for every day (for example, website maintenance on Tuesdays), and I transfer tasks from my weekly to-do list into the relevant day folders. I learnt this method from my business mentor, Penny Young, the joint CEO of takeabreak.com.au.

COMPANY PERK: Being self-employed, I love that I can head to the beach, and tackle dreary tasks on rainy days.

LARA'S DIY TIP: If you don't have a lot of freedom to inject personality into your work space, start small: even a pen with a pink feather on it can make the day more fun.



How does Lara stay organised? It's all about the folders!

Lara shoots the stock, then uploads the pics to her website.



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Lifestylist

Bel rescued her red bucket chair and lava lamp from various MTV events

Above: MTV has art spaces for inhouse exhibitions. Left: The high-tech kitchen.

Bel Boyce, 28

PUBLICIST, MTV NETWORKS AUSTRALIA.
MY SPACE: We moved to our new inner-city office last year – it's like a playpen for adults! It has retro wallpaper, art spaces (for inhouse exhibitions), funky lighting, a ping-pong table and flat-screen TVs. My desk faces a corner window, right next to our office bar fridge.
HOW I'VE MADE IT MY OWN: I'm cat-crazy, so there are loads of cat pictures and a soft toy cat on my desk. I also have an eclectic

furniture collection that I've rescued from our events: a lava lamp, vintage coffee table set and a red velvet bucket-style armchair.
MY TIME, MY WAY: I don't have a BlackBerry; my world revolves around my notepad and Post-it notes. Old-fashioned, but it works for me.
COMPANY PERK: Concert tickets – going to see my fave bands as part of my job is awesome.
BEL'S DIY TIP: Pin inspirational photos up around your desk. Looking at my wedding pics in Costa Rica relaxes me on crazy days. **COSMO**

Bel with her husband Jeff.