

— THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO — BUYING AN AMISH DESK



Boulder Creek Seven Drawers Desk

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To keep your work invigorated, a great desk is crucial. One of these 8 desk styles - from a vintage secretary desk to a modern executive desk -- will surely work, beautifully.

A desk, like a kitchen, is where design and duty really need to have a co-dependent relationship. Too much duty and you end up under a life-sucking fluorescent light with a giant tangle of cords and an inbox seven feet high. Too much design, and your ritzy, spaceship-style glass-and-steel workspace will hardly hold more than a slippery laptop and a diamond-encrusted pen.

A desk is profoundly personal. What lights your imaginative fire? What distracts you from your primary tasks? The answers are going to vary person to person, but the questions are equally important to all. Some of us need rolltop desks with infinite nooks and crannies, others are just fine with minimalistic, urban desks to reduce clutter.



Lucerne Mission Office Table

The 8 desks below run the gamut - from costly to careful, from elegant to workhorse. Some might feel right at home in a cubicle, others look more like museum pieces or works of art. Each identifies as the same basic piece of furniture, with the same function, but they all have singular personalities.

Which one can you picture yourself at?

1. THE L DESK



Fairfield Mission L Desk With Topper

The L Desk is, as you probably imagine, an apt fit for the corner office. Our favorite placement lines the return of the desk (where the pencil drawer is, not the keyboard) up with a window on the world. If you don't choose to add a topper, this frees up the space behind your computer screen for a pinboard of inspiration, notes, and other things to remember.



Highland Corner L Desk

HOT
TIP!

*Both of these desks (pictured) have a **left-hand return**, a work surface that sits to the left of the user.*

Of course, a topper carries with it an immense amount of functionality - from additional display to additional storage. Even the TOP of the topper is helpful to hold plants or personal effects, both of which are key when designing an office that suits your personality, and not just your day job. Put another way, an L Desk offers a lot of space to work, but may not work in a lot of spaces.

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2. THE U DESK

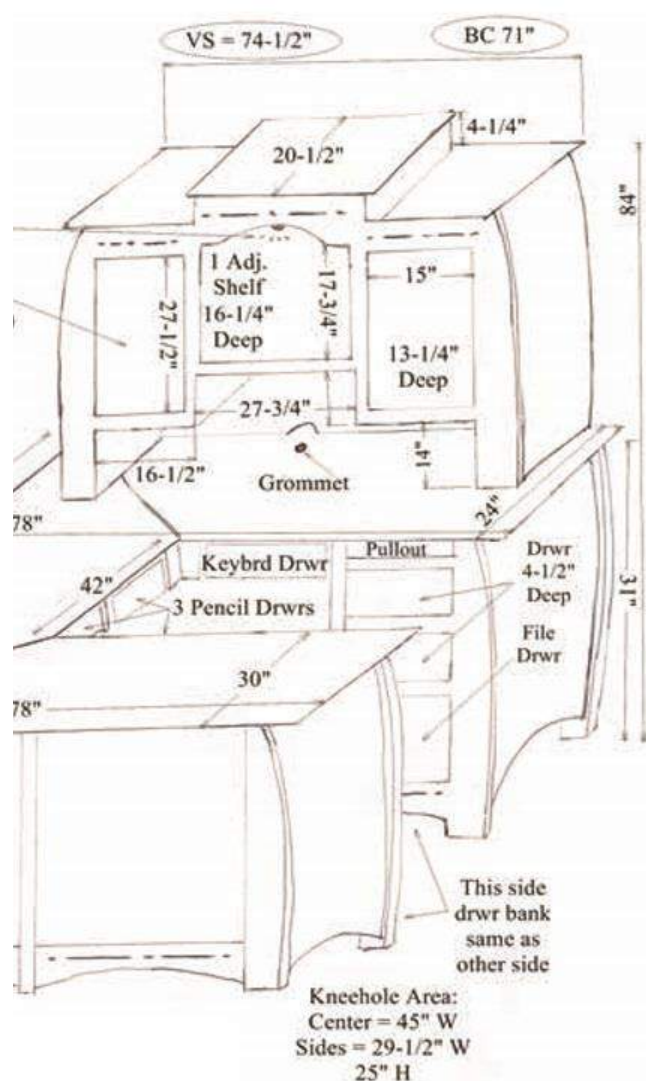


Victorian Ten Drawer U Desk

The U Desk, by design, offers the most actual workspace available to you. With a primary desk in the front, a credenza behind, and a work surface connecting the two (called a bridge), you will -- quite literally -- be surrounded by your work.

Does sound like a good place for you to be, or an infernal one?

Maybe a helpful way to consider a U Desk is to determine how much you need to do *at once*. Like having a second computer screen, or dual ovens, it isn't necessarily about how much work you must do or how much storage you have to have -- it's how much easier your life could be if you could do a bunch of stuff simultaneously.



SEE MORE U DESKS



3. THE COMPUTER DESK



Prairie Mission Desk

An admittedly broad category, Amish computer desks simply refer to double or single pedestal desks with a standard amount of workspace, typically 30" by 66". Most of our computer desks offer a coordinating hutch top, as shown above, for additional storage and display. Available as desk armoires, as standalone desks, or as part of a collaborative office set, a computer desk offers up the elegance of an Amish desk without overwhelming an office.



Flat Top Computer Desk

HOT TIP!

A desk pedestal is simply a stack of drawers or an open cupboard under the workspace - this is a single pedestal desk

A computer desk works well for smaller, less grand spaces. It's also a very popular choice for the home office - just enough storage and work area to take care of business, but unassuming enough to blend with home decor. They're also a great straight man to eclectic, bold choices in rug pattern, wall color, modern art . . .

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4. THE EXECUTIVE DESK



Jefferson Premier Executive Desk

An executive desk loves to be the center of attention. Typically fitted out with lavish carving, raised panels, leather desktop inlays and the like, an executive desk definitely takes over a room (and we love it that way). A finished back moves the desk away from the wall, and a 36" by 72" workspace sets an imposing and/or commanding stage to wow any would-be client.



Paris Executive Desk

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5. THE PARTNER DESK

**HOT
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*Try a partner desk
plus a side table
for collaborative
teams*



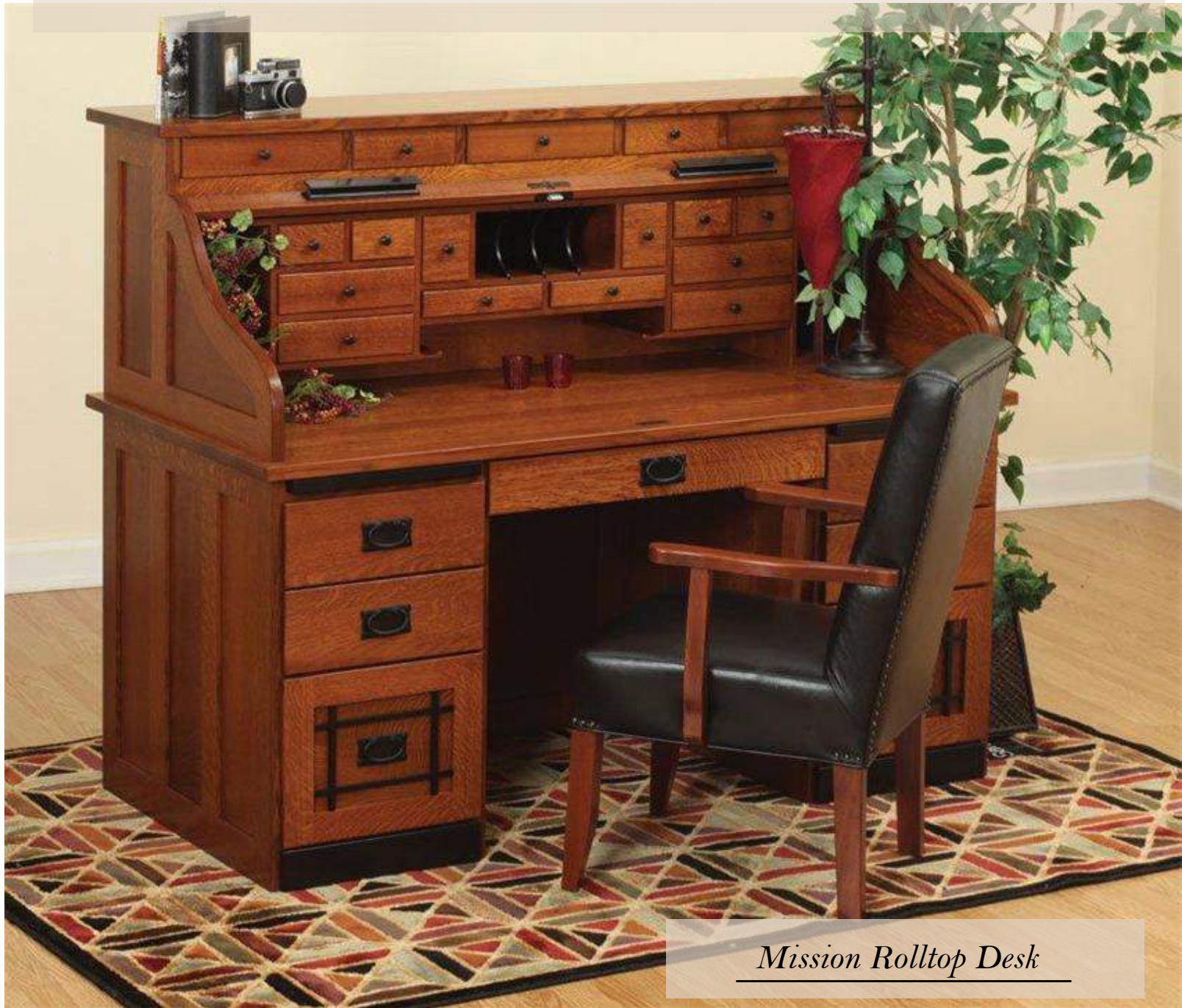
Lexington Partner Desk

Got a friend? Get a partner's desk. Shown decorated above, a partner desk is actually three separated workspaces when in use: left, right, and the anything-goes center space. Use it to spread out a spreadsheet, layout a layout, or just keep the candy bowl handy for concurrent snacking. Highly customizable, the partner's desk typically includes loads of file and document storage space, plus private drawers and shelving.

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6. THE ROLLTOP DESK



Mission Rolltop Desk

A desk for the true introvert, a rolltop desk allows you the epitome of privacy. Not only is it filled with tiny drawers, hideaways, and perfectly-sized compartments, the top of the desk rolls all the way down to cover the workspace when not in use (or when unexpected company arrives).



Berkeley Rolltop Desk

Beyond the privacy and intriguing alcoves, a rolltop desk offers the extra storage and work space features that you've come to expect in luxury office furniture: drawers glide open, locking mechanisms pop up right where you need them, artful carving and a smooth roll greet you to your work every day. In addition, a rolltop exudes a classic, traditional sense of style that stays just this side (the genteel, refined side) of old-fashioned.

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7. THE SECRETARY DESK



Secretary Desk with Doors

Sophisticated and small, dainty and demure, the secretary desk is a dream for those who are willing to sacrifice a bit of function for a heaping dose of form.

While our Amish secretary desks offer tidy storage and organizational elements, they're less about business and more about the business of style.



Side-by-Side Secretary Desk



Shaker Rolltop Secretary Desk



Shaker Secretary Desk

Graceful and brimming with quaint, fanciful oddities, the secretary desk is a piece for the discerning, polished worker who wants to add flair to the everyday. It also offers the greatest variety of shapes and sizes available to desk furniture - some come with bookcases, with additional rolltops, on thin Queen Anne-style legs or with column bases. Looking to add a charming bit of drama in your bedroom office? The secretary desk is just the ticket.

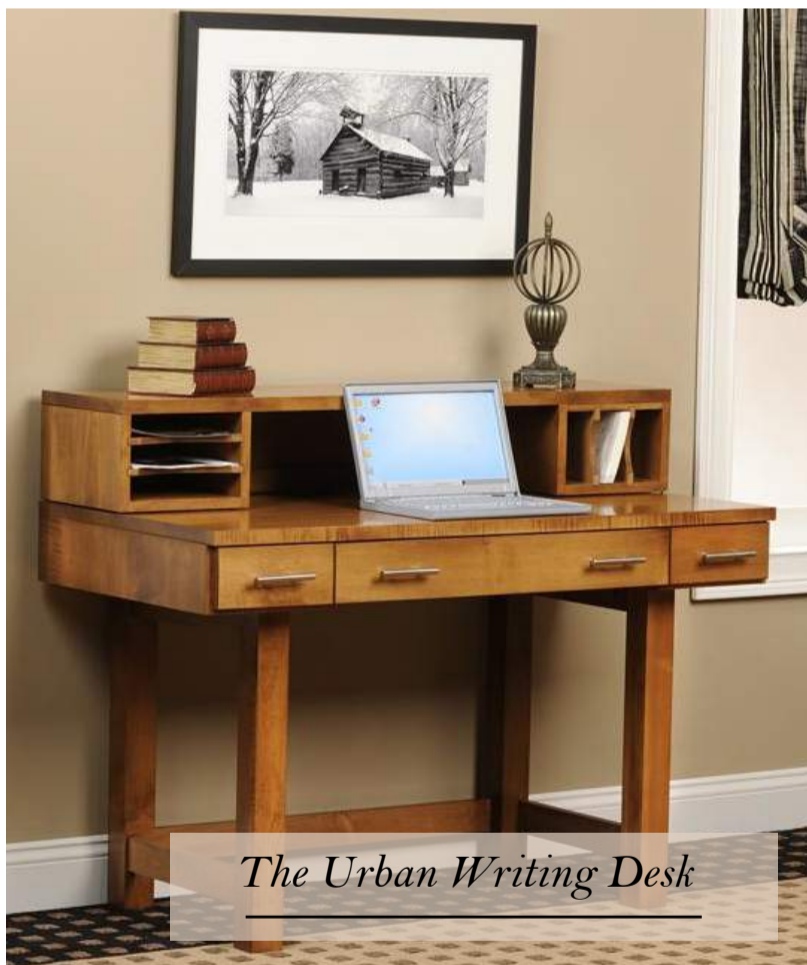
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8. THE WRITING DESK

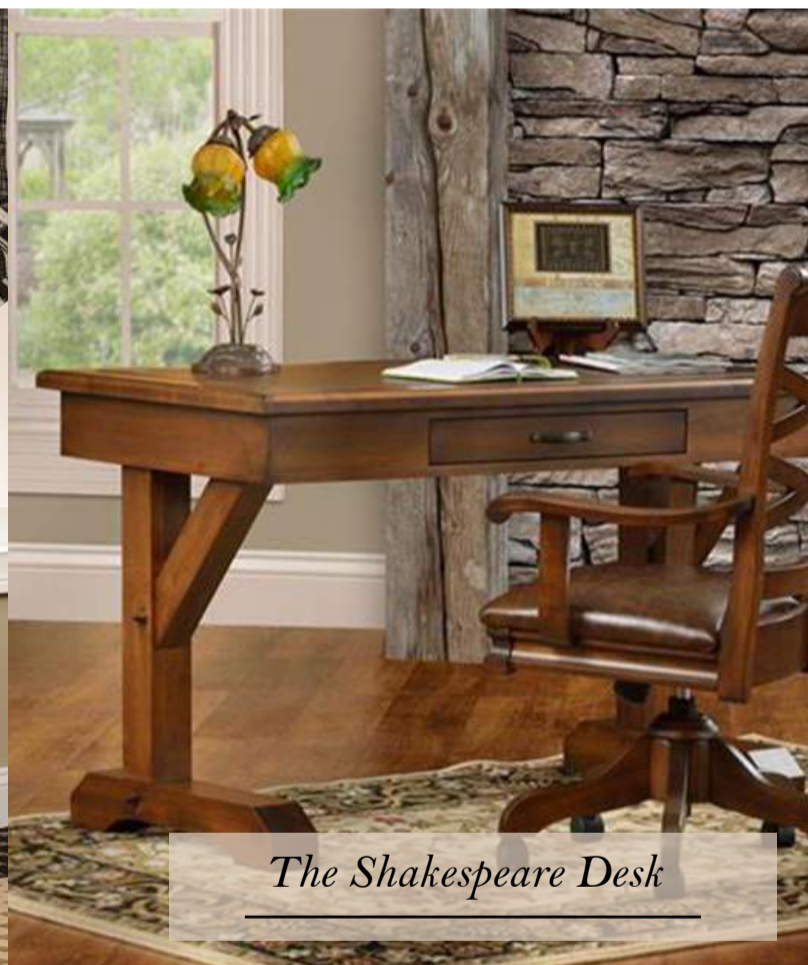


The Omni Writing Desk

A breath of fresh air, the writing desk offers a wide open workspace to keep your mind on the tasks at hand. With plenty of room for your laptop and a pad to keep notes - but little else - the writing desk lets coordinating file cabinets, bookcases and credenzas do the heavy lifting.



The Urban Writing Desk



The Shakespeare Desk

The writing desk's compact size makes it an ideal bedroom or corner option in a smaller home. Alternately, some styles easily serve as slim, upscale entry or hall tables, using the pencil drawer as a spot for loose change, keys, or mail and the surface for your entry decor of choice. A vintage idea gone mod, today's writing desk feels just at home with a pen and paper as it does a tablet.

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SHOP ALL DESKS ►