

# Vintage industrial study

Mellowed metal finishes and utilitarian furnishings inspired by 19th-century factory settings give this workspace time-tested style

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→ **THERE'S NO NEED** to compromise design just because a room is meant for kids. “We wanted a study that would look good but would wear well too,” says interior designer Brooke Giannetti, who put this multipurpose space together at her own house. Since it serves, in part, as the homework area, she turned to flea markets and salvage shops to find no-nonsense yet stylish furniture, lighting, and accessories. The result is a space both handsome and hardworking that mixes zinc finishes and steely iron with warm wood and woven textures. Gray-painted walls, trim, and built-ins give it a tranquil air.

For ideas on assembling a similar space at your place, read on.

## glass vases

Buds in complementary bottles make a fresh centerpiece. \$24 and \$32; areohome.com

## iron table

Giannetti's round metal table is an antique, but this one is made from vintage factory parts for the same effect. \$899; westelm.com

PHOTOS: (VASES, BASKETS, STOOL, MACHINE GEAR, LIGHT, ZINC-TOPPED TABLE) TED MORRISON; (VINTAGE-LOOK ART) MICHAEL CHIN/TIME INC. DIGITAL STUDIO



## storage baskets

Stacked lidded baskets keep papers and desk supplies neatly out of sight. \$40 and \$49; basketlady.com

## sturdy sconce

The homeowner's is a pricey antique vapor-proof fixture, but this find works just as well for much less. \$29; amazon.com

## vintage-look art

A collection of old travel postcards looks sharp in floating frames. Frame, \$10, and mat, \$2; dickblick.com. Book of postcards, \$10; pomegranate.com

## drafting stool

This vintage repro is designed to be a supportive spot to sit. \$144; wayfair.com

## task light

Direct the glow exactly where you need it with an articulating pharmacy-style lamp in an oiled-bronze finish. \$129; rhbabyandchild.com

## machine gear

Styled after a salvaged factory part, this desktop accent is sure to get the wheels turning. \$23; wayfair.com

## DIY

## zinc-topped table

Like pre-World War II bar tops designed to take a beating, the two tabletops at the far left are zinc.

You can replicate the look with sheet metal over plywood. Secure the metal with construction adhesive, then wrap the edges using a deadblow hammer and a flat 12-inch chisel. Tin snips and a soldering kit allow for neat corners. Zinc, \$82 for a 3-by-4-foot sheet; onlinemetals.com ■

## GET THE HOW-TO

To find step-by-step instructions for fabricating a zinc tabletop, scan this page with the Blippar app or go to [thisoldhouse.com/janfeb2014](http://thisoldhouse.com/janfeb2014)