

The Home Front

Whether you're updating or overhauling a **PERSONAL STUDY**, you need well-designed equipment to get the job done.

FIELD TEST

EVEN IF YOU DON'T USE IT ON A DAILY BASIS, THERE'S A certain peace of mind that comes from having an immaculate work lair in your own home. At its best the space anchors everything you deem important, from your finances to your family history. At its worst, wedged into a dimly lit corner, a crowded kitchen, or

an unfinished basement, the space leads to a sore back, tired eyes, and unproductivity. To help you create an escape you'll find inspirational, comfortable, and aesthetically pleasing, we sought out the most elemental of components. Ranging from a simple stapler to a cushy chair, functionality reigns paramount in each design. We'll leave the dress code, or lack thereof, to you. —BEN HEWITT



HUMANSCALE Liberty Office Chair

Long hours in the wrong chair can cause back problems and general fatigue. Humanscale's Liberty keeps lumbar demons at bay with a nonstretch mesh that molds to your back. The counter-balance mechanism lets you kick back without fear of tipping. [\$1,000; humanscale.com]



APPLE MacBook Pro Laptop

With the introduction of its MacBook Pro, Apple did the unthinkable: Hello, Intel processor. Even the most dedicated Appleheads relish in the newfound performance. Operating at speeds up to 2.16 GHz, data-intensive tasks such as video and image editing happen four times faster. And the screen's an easy-to-look-at 67 percent brighter than its predecessor's. [\$1,999; apple.com]



TIVOLI Sirius Table Radio

Without a morning commute, you'll need another way to get your Howard Stern fix. Enter Tivoli's Sirius Table Radio. Encased in a cherry cabinet, it delivers crisp, warm sound from its single 3-in speaker. And should you find yourself pining for local ads, it delivers AM and FM, too. [\$299; tivoliaudio.com]



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