

SPACE TO...

WORK

With employers embracing flexible working, more of us are choosing not only to work from home but to build a garden room fit for the job. What better way to cut the commute, but also ensure work and home life don't clash?



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Don't save all your renovating for your house – even a shed can be transformed into a great garden room

Who? Alex and Colleen Terry and their two daughters, Sofia and Anabella.

Where? San Francisco, USA.

Why we love it... We'd all be rushing to the office if we worked in a place like this. Architect Alex has crafted the perfect space so he and his wife can work from home one or two days a week and cut down on their commute. It also doubles as a space for the kids to hang out. Originally a garden shed, used as a temporary

shelter by its original owners while they rebuilt their home after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, it has been transformed into a flexible outdoor room. Alex kept the original walls and added a new, dramatic roof and bespoke sliding frosted glass doors that allow in extra light. Inside, honey-coloured birch ply gives the room a warm, welcoming feel, making it the perfect garden retreat. terryandterryarchitecture.com

GOOD WOOD

If you'd like a modern interior for your garden room but think that white may be too clinical, try wood. Plywood – as seen here – is a cheap but effective way of creating warmth – and also helps the garden room fit in with its natural surroundings.