



*Maximize*

Your Home's Space



Every homeowner can use additional space, but additions are not always in the budget. *Is there a hiding space in your home?* In the upper portion of this 2 car garage, sits a 1,050 square foot office. The office has central heat/ air and a storage room. Are you thinking of adding an office to your home? Here are some things to consider:

### *Design*

A careful evaluation of lifestyle patterns and how existing rooms are currently used may be the start of a redesign. Reworking an existing floor plan so that all areas of the house are fully utilized makes more sense than adding square footage. A single room can be reorganized or adjacent rooms joined into a single space.

### *Address Wiring Requirements*

Home offices frequently need specialty wiring to handle printers, computers, fax machines, coaxial or network cables and telephone lines. Where possible, run wiring in a baseboard chase (or something similarly accessible) to accommodate future changes. When choosing appliances, lighting and office equipment, look for energy-efficient models and provide a means for turning off equipment to prevent phantom electrical loads.

**According to government labor statistics, more than 20 million Americans work at home at least part of the time, and the number increases every year.**