

Desk Hutches

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Buy the Hutch When You Buy the Desk

Furniture lines get discontinued. If you want a hutch to match your desk, buy them together. Matching after the fact — even just 6 months later — can be impossible if the line has been updated.

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Check Ceiling Height First

Add desk height plus hutch height before ordering. Most 8' ceilings are fine, but rooms with dropped ceilings, soffits, or sloped sections can create problems. Measure your specific installation location.

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Confirm Monitor Clearance

Measure your monitor's full height on its stand before committing to a hutch. If it's close to the hutch's bottom shelf clearance, add a monitor arm to lower the screen and free up the clearance you need.

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Route Cables Before Final Mounting

Once the hutch is secured, rerouting cables is difficult and usually involves partially disassembling the hutch. Route all monitor, power, and lighting cables before the final mounting step.

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Use Hutch Lighting for Video Calls

Built-in hutch lighting directed at your face on video calls improves your on-screen appearance significantly. If you do frequent video meetings, hutch lighting is worth the small upcharge.

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Don't Overload the Top Shelf

The top shelf is hardest to reach and farthest from the mounting point. Keep it light — display items, rarely accessed reference materials. Heavy items on the top shelf stress the mounting hardware over time.

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Match the Finish In Person If Possible

If you're adding a hutch to an existing desk, request a physical sample or photo in your lighting conditions. Monitor calibration and photography lighting make finishes look different than they appear in person.

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Enclosed Doors Keep Dust Off

Open shelves collect dust faster than enclosed storage. If your office is in a high-traffic area or you go weeks between cleaning, enclosed hutch doors keep stored items much cleaner.

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Plan What Goes Where Before It Arrives

Before the hutch is installed, decide what will go on each shelf. This prevents post-installation rearrangement (which often means moving the whole hutch) and helps you confirm the hutch configuration you actually need.

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Two-Person Install Is Non-Negotiable

Hutches are awkward and heavy. One person cannot safely lift and align a hutch over a desk alone. Schedule the installation when you have a second person available — it takes 20–30 minutes with two people.