

Making Work from Home Work

What to do when your home suddenly becomes your office

Get ready like you're going to the office



Set your alarm, take a shower, have breakfast or a cup of coffee and dress for the day.



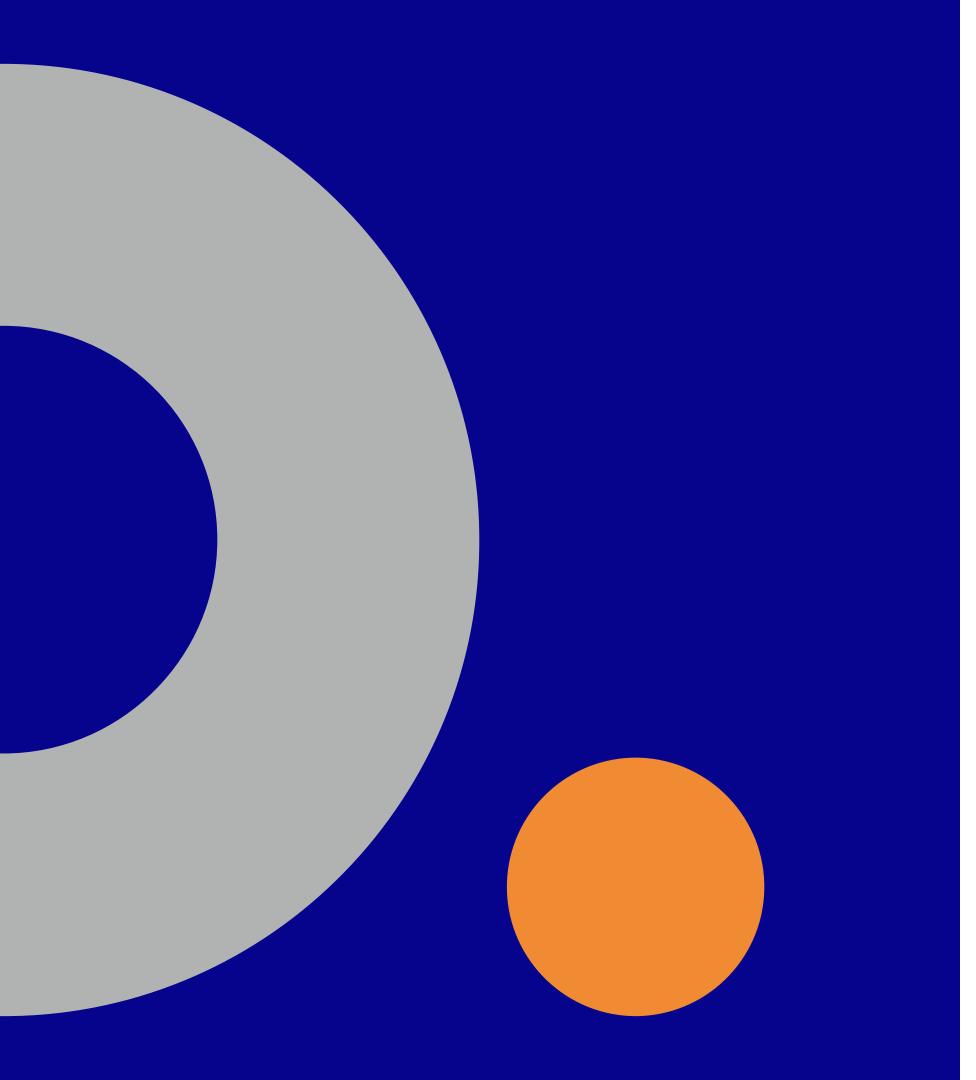
Plan your day: list your priorities, set pockets of time and try to stick to your schedule





Set up your workspace

Having a space in the house purely for work can help you get into the right mindset. Find an area in your home that's conducive to working, whether it's a desk or the couch. Just make sure it allows you to stay focused.



Curate your work-from-home playlist

Create a fun lineup of songs if you enjoy listening to music while working. Share it with your colleagues too!



Use productivity apps

Focus on your tasks and manage your distractions well.



THE POMODORO TECHNIQUE

Choose a task on your list, set the timer for 25 minutes, and work on the task until the time is up. Take a break. After four pomodoros, reward yourself with a longer break.



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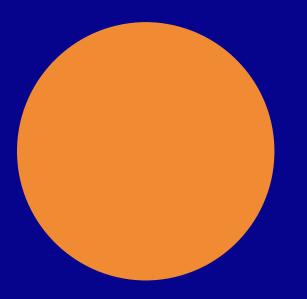
It curbs your need to check your social media accounts by letting you plant a seed, which will grow into a tree after 30 minutes. Concentrate on your work and share your tree with friends. There are plenty of similar apps you can try.

Start and end work at your usual time, if you can, to establish the boundary between work life and home life.

Take regular breaks. Stretch, grab a snack, go for a walk.

Stick to a routine and take regular breaks





Align work schedules with your family

Working from home all of a sudden can be major adjustment.
Coordinate with your partner, children, or housemates on work schedules and designate chores equally.



Communicate with your colleagues

In the absence of face-to-face interactions, it's important everyone is across company decisions and actions.

Continue conversations and encourage feedback and discussion through phone calls, email, instant messaging, and your company's assigned meeting app.



Remember

Everyone works differently

For some, working from home is a huge adjustment. Empathise with your colleagues and be patient as everyone settles in.

