

# Lady's Study/Office



**Alice Busch**  
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When designer Alice Busch contemplated the lady's study, she envisioned a warm environment where she'd like to curl up in front of a roaring fire with a favorite book and a glass of sherry. As the concept evolved, she decided on a theme. "The study is based on reflection, relaxation and renewal."

Busch is a master at mixing tone on tone and textures. This room is no exception, where even the walls have been luxuriously upholstered in large and small plaids and colors from saffron to cinnabar abound. Rolled-up floor plans speak of a

professional at work, while stacks of treasured books await leisurely afternoons on the large tufted ottoman by the fire. Mirrors reflect and renew the spirit.

Always one to play up contrast, Busch juxtaposes a 40-year-old tarnished silver vase alongside a buffet with an opulent 24-carat gold chandelier above. "I wouldn't let J. Lambeth polish it. I like to mix in the rustic. Using opposing things can be fun."

Visitors find it hard not to linger in the inviting study. As Busch says, "It gives you a glow."