



The Writable Office

« When a tech company wanted help creating a collective studio atmosphere, where employees could also work in individual offices, it turned to Seattle's **chadbourn + doss architects**. The Pioneer Square building housing the office had recently been restored by Seattle's **SHED Architecture & Design**, so architects Daren Doss and Lisa Chadbourne went to work on the interior layout. They came up with a solution of open, large-desk seating along with private office pods.

"It was important that the cubes felt elemental in form," Doss explains.

The pods have plywood floors, walls, and ceilings, with an exterior made of sheetrock and glass. The interior desks are made of writable laminate surfaces. A recessed black base makes it appear as if the pods are floating six inches above the floor. Their clean and white appearance contrasts nicely against the texture of the industrial warehouse space.

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Project architect **Kozo Nozawa** of Seattle's **Prentiss Architects** helped guide the homeowners of a '90s rambler through a full-gut remodel of their 5,000-square-foot Medina home. With help from **Odyssey Builders**, Nozawa maintained the original footprint and reconfigured some of the interior spaces, and **Scot Eckley Inc.**, gave the exterior areas a full makeover.

The primary goal of the project was to unify the indoor and outdoor living spaces, providing an open, modern look inside that would be in perfect balance with the Pacific Northwest surroundings. Clean lines, minimal trim, and white walls create a light and airy feel. Wood elements—such as rift-sawn white oak featured in the exposed millwork—warm up the home and tie in with the outdoors. The result is a house that's bright, fresh, and truly Northwest.

