The Verge’s favorite home office keepsakes

Back in the *Mad Men* days, the only thing that might interrupt the corporate blandness of a workspace might be a photo of your family or maybe a coffee cup with a funny saying. But nowadays, especially if we’re working at home, we can have some pretty interesting, weird, or just plain nice-looking items on our desks.

We asked the folks here at *The Verge* what they have on their desks or in their offices that they keep just for the hell of it — because they like it, because it means something special, or just because. Here are some of the answers we got.

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a:hover]:shadow-highlight-franklin dark:[&>a:hover]:shadow-highlight-franklin [&>a]:shadow-underline-black dark:[&>a]:shadow-underline-white”>The Legend of Zelda Heart Container Icon Light

Sean Hollister, senior editor

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Whenever I’m feeling a little worn out, I’ve got an extra life sitting on my desk. My family bought me this *Legend of Zelda* heart container one year ago, so it encapsulates their love, too! (Less significant if you buy it for yourself, so I’d recommend gifting it instead.) It glows when you press the front button, and that’s it. Two AA batteries won’t power it for months on end, so turn it off when you’re feeling cheerful again! You can also import a *Tears of the Kingdom* version based on the newer game.


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The iconic heart symbol from the *Legend of Zelda* — it glows with a soft red light.

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Adi Robertson, senior tech & policy editor

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I keep a paper planner and notepad(s) for tracking stories and meetings, and the TWSBI Eco (in creme rose gold with burgundy Noodler’s ink) is my favorite writing implement for all of them. It’s a reasonably priced fountain pen that’s attractive, not hard to fill, and feels good to fidget with.





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A high-quality good-looking fountain pen at an economical price.

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a:hover]:shadow-highlight-franklin dark:[&>a:hover]:shadow-highlight-franklin [&>a]:shadow-underline-black dark:[&>a]:shadow-underline-white”>Kirby pencil case

Kylie Robison, senior AI reporter

My tiny Moleskine notebook keeps track of my whole life – I go through about two a year. That's where I keep my weekly and monthly calendars, along with any source / general meeting notes. I use micron pens because they're simply the best, and I keep them in a Kirby pencil case that I've even shown off in *Verge* videos (see above). I just recently redid my entire home office, and part of that was lots of decor, my favorite being an LED Majora's Mask.





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A neon gaming sign in the form of Majora’s Mask from *The Legend of Zelda*.

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a:hover]:shadow-highlight-franklin dark:[&>a:hover]:shadow-highlight-franklin [&>a]:shadow-underline-black dark:[&>a]:shadow-underline-white”>Cute desk note holder

Victoria Song, senior reviewer

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dark:[&>a:hover]:text-gray-bd dark:[&>a:hover]:shadow-underline-gray [&>a]:shadow-underline-gray-63 dark:[&>a]:text-gray-bd dark:[&>a]:shadow-underline-gray”>Photo: Victoria Song / The Verge

A while back, a friend gave me this adorable cat-shaped desk note holder as a souvenir from Beijing. At first, I didn’t know what to do with it. Then, I started putting motivational notes into it, and surprisingly, that worked. After a while, I started printing or writing out the occasional meme. (Why, yes, I *did* write the entirety of Vice President Kamala Harris’ coconut tree speech on a Post-It one week.) When I’m really in need of strength, I stick on a photocard of my favorite K-pop singer.

This only really holds one note at a time, which helps keep me creative week-to-week. Most importantly, it reminds me to take breaks and laugh at myself whenever I get too self-serious. I don’t know where to get this exact desk note holder, but you can find a bunch of fun ones on Amazon and Etsy.

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