

SUBSTITUTE A DESK FOR CABINETS

OFFICE NICHE

Key ingredient

Placing this desk on the refrigerator's hinge side keeps it close to the action but out of the way.

"We try to get the desk area away from the main circulation of traffic, but if you're going to use it, then you want it to be accessible when you come in," says architect Stephen Selin of Shelburne, Vt. The desk is incorporated into a display niche and storage hutch featuring glass-front doors, file drawers, and open cubbies. Low-voltage light fixtures tucked behind a valance and inside the display cabinets place light where it's needed. Outlets and switches are above the desk with a data-port below for Internet access and networking needs.

