

Pop-up Office

Dubbeldam Architecture and Design, Toronto

Dubbeldam Architecture and Design made a splash earlier this year at the Interior Design Show with a 130-square-foot configuration of its Pop-up Office. Made of wood reclaimed from shipping-pallet boards and frames, this is the ultimate environmentally aware product. The material is pre-assembled into flat and curving modular units that combine to form floor, wall and ceiling planes, and furniture elements. They are joined on site to form a modern workplace with workstations and collaborative and lounge spaces.

Modular shelves can be inserted into slots between wallboards to make adjustable display and storage areas. Smaller ledges slide into gaps between the wood slats. Shelves on the back wall in the lounge module can be filled with greenery to provide a fresh and calming atmosphere. Over the collaborative workspace area, ceiling boards pivot open, doing double duty by acting as louvers that direct light from the ceiling.

Once the modules are assembled and the power points (outlets and light fixtures) are connected and plugged into a power source, Pop-Up Office can be up and running immediately.

Wood component pieces are sanded smooth where they come into contact with the human body and left rough where they do not. Easily transported, reconfigurable and rapidly deployed, Pop-up Office is intended for short-term use in applications such as outdoor festivals or disaster-relief, and for start-ups looking for hip, modest office space.

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"It's an interesting story using reclaimed materials with little slots that connect the modules together and let you move them around"—MT

