

Yes, we can! **Three design teams reimagine the most famous office in the world** as President Barack Obama takes his seat



George W. Bush's Oval Office
BEFORE

Presidential? Sweet!



Jonathan Adler

"For President Obama's Oval Office, I added *moi* signature touch of drama with my Montmartre table and Horse lamps. Throughout my redesign, I used tone-on-tone walls and drapery, and repeated patterns, like the presidential seal on the rug. I tried to invigorate this historic room with a youthful, spirited look while keeping a tone that is distinctly American. The pieces and fabrics I chose lend a fun air to a typically austere and serious environment. This represents a new, sophisticated chapter for the White House."

The Modernist

Adler chose to cover the sofas in fabrics by Fardini Borghi (top, pierrefrey.com for stores) and Dedar (800-493-2209 for stores).



Ceramic Horse lamp, Jonathan Adler, \$495; jonathanadler.com

Silk tassel, Jonathan Adler, \$12; 877-287-1910.

The Eclectics

Gossip Girl's Set Designers

Loren Weeks, Christina Tonkin and Malchus Janocko

"We wanted the office to be comfortable and welcoming, family- and earth-friendly—subtle and cool like the man himself! Where possible, we incorporated sustainable materials, like low-VOC paints and fabrics with reduced environmental impact. We selected cork for the floors because it's a renewable resource that's durable and absorbs sound for privacy. (Plus, the floors were once cork, so it's nice to come full circle.) The sofas have gentle curves that, when placed opposite each other, suggest the enveloping arc of an oval. Masters (Degas and Mark Rothko) from the National Gallery of Art commingle with black-and-white photographs from the Library of Congress, and family photos are framed in koa wood—indigenous to Hawaii."



The floors are made of cork!

Cork in Whitewashed and Walnut, Globus Cork; corkfloor.com for info.

Milk Bottle lamp, Baker, \$1,485; bakerfurniture.com for stores.



Jasper Johns

The Minimalist

Calvin Klein Home Amy Mellen

"I focused on neutrals and used a lot of textures and materials, like parchment leather and natural linen, to create a classic environment. The desk is bold, and the bookshelves flanking the fireplace make great statement pieces. I hung Jasper Johns's *Gray Flag* (1957) above the mantel because it's a modern interpretation of our country's most iconic symbol. The large sofas and armchairs are all comfortable and perfect for meetings."



The Curator Collection wrap chair, Calvin Klein Home, \$2,100; 888-822-5846 for stores.



The Curator Collection marble top coffee table, Calvin Klein Home, \$1,250; calvinklein.com for stores.