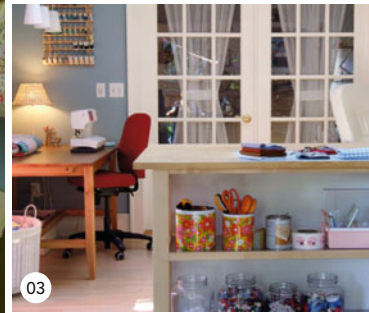




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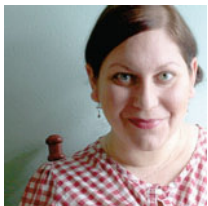
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## MY SPACE

**A studio in rural Scandinavia? No, this is the craft space of Oregon pattern designer Alicia Paulson who's head over heels with her Swedish style makeover**



‘The redecoration of my studio last year was such a long time coming. Over the last ten years it had housed a jumble of mismatched furniture, jerry-rigged shelving, tables and chairs that were the wrong heights, carpet (blech!) and just too much stuff. But inspired by Swedish artists Carl and Karin Larsson whose aesthetic I love, I'd long been dreaming of grey-blue walls, red gingham curtains and a red geranium in a terracotta pot. Last year my husband Andy and I finally made the dream into a reality, and I'm totally in love with my transformed space. When the studio was finished I just sat on my new swivel chair doing 360s for sheer joy. And when I finally got to put that geranium on my windowsill, my soul sighed with contentment.’

Read more about Alicia on her website [aliciapaulson.com](http://aliciapaulson.com) or her blog, Posie Gets Cozy [rosylittlethings.typepad.com](http://rosylittlethings.typepad.com) 📌

01 My studio has lots of natural light. It's glorious to be practically in the backyard while I work. IKEA came to Portland a couple of years ago and I bought all of my new furniture there – it's perfect for doing ‘Swedish country’ on a pretty small budget.

02 My sewing machine is one of my key tools and I knew I'd need a sewing table with leaves to extend it at times, so this dining table is just the job. The

hooks above it make it the perfect place to hang up pretty bags and embroidery hoops.

03 My central work table is actually a kitchen island with lots of shelves and drawers, all topped by one big, beautiful piece of wood. My old table had no storage underneath it, so this thing is incredible to me!

04 A girl can never have too many shelves. These birch units hold so much, and I got some doors and baskets to hide stuff I don't want to look at, like plastic boxes of embroidery floss. And bills.