

## Case Study

### Dykstra Home Office

Sirius Resources helps people organize and deliver complex information to communicate and teach.



#### **Dykstra Home Office**

**Location** Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Number of People Served** 1

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## The need

Marylou Dykstra formed Sirius Resources in 1999 after 12 years in marketing and training with Steelcase, the world's largest manufacturer of office furniture. Her experience gave Marylou an appreciation for design and quality. Creating her new workspace became part of a larger construction project – a new home she and her husband built using Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council as guidelines. In addition to furniture that met certain size, scale and ease of configuration requirements, Marylou also evaluated environmental factors such as use of recycled and recyclable materials. The biggest deal killer? The winning furniture solution had to be delivered not to a furniture dealer, but directly to her home address.

## The izzy+ solution

Sirius Resources is proud to put out the welcome mat for izzydesign – delivered, of course, straight to the front door. For the company's CEO, izzy is a clean, contemporary choice that blends the best of residential and office décor. Inside the main entry, French doors open to the home office, which features an inspiring view of rustic rural surroundings. Lightweight Clara tables featured in straight, extended corner and diamond shapes, laminate tops and with soft polyurethane foam edges provide plenty of work surfaces. To optimize space, an accessory rail suspends snap-in paper trays over the desk. When clients come to call, Clara storage and display units keep the area clean and organized. The adjacent dining room doubles as a conference room and workspace for business partners, so izzy's versatile mobile storage components roll easily across the hall for meetings. izzy thrives on collaboration, so Marylou's Leap chair from Steelcase pairs well with izzy's Clara office furniture.

## Marylou Dykstra—President and Owner, Sirius Resources

"I am an avid fan of izzy. At NeoCon in Chicago, I walked through furniture showrooms looking for the right style, scale and image. That's what sealed the deal for me. In izzy's showroom, I could see how all the pieces would fit together, giving me a clean, contemporary aesthetic. My husband was dreading the whole installation process, but we put it together ourselves. It literally took 5 minutes to put together a table. We had it all up and running in an hour and a half. It took longer to hook up the computers! It also supports LEED standards for economic use of materials and locally sourced products, which is important to us. Plus, it's beautifully designed. The fog, cement and pavement gray tones of the furniture stand out, and blend beautifully against the warm gray wall coloring. The brushed nickel colored table legs blend in with the brushed nickel hardware and accessories throughout the house. I absolutely love the look of izzy furniture. I'm very proud of it and the opportunity to showcase products from two great local companies."