Collaboration

Three Ways to Drive Great Collaboration

New settings encourage your team to get together and enjoy getting work done.

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If you're spending more time working with others lately, you're not alone. Anyone who studies teamwork will tell you, it's on the rise (Microsoft). In fact, we're on twice as many teams as we were just five years ago. And, we spend 50% more time doing collaborative work than we did 20 years ago (HBR). But, is all that time together working?

The thing about collaboration is — it can't always be scheduled. A colleague once said, "You can't meet your way to innovation." It's so true. There's a place for scheduled meetings, calls and emails. But, new ideas come from every corner — serendipitous interactions, the ebb and flow of the creative process, as well as more formal collaboration sessions.

So, how do you encourage collaboration that works? With more than 70% of people working in some form of an open plan, it can start by thoughtfully creating places that both capture imaginations and let people get down to business. New solutions, partners, colors and materials are giving organizations and designers more options than ever when it comes to fostering collaboration. Three new settings below will inspire your next group gathering.

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Explore more new settings designed to help you say "hello" to a more collaborative workplace.

GOOD MORNING

> New products and solutions shown here include the Steelcase Sylvi Lounge System, Steelcase Universal Laminate Storage and nanimarquina Strokes Rug for Coalesse. (See the setting)

When it's time to immerse yourself in a project, you need a place to spread out. A large worksurface and nearby storage let you keep what you're working on closeby. Then, when it's time to bring in another set of eyes or solicit feedback, you can hop over to a more collaborative setting without disrupting the flow of your work.

GOOD TO SEE YOU

> New products and solutions shown here include Steelcase Flex Mobile Power, Steelcase Nooi Chair by Wiesner-Hager, Bolia Graceful Dining Table, Bolia Pebble Sofa, Bolia Cosh Armchair, Moooi Raimond Zafu Pendant and Moooi Carpets Scribble Rug. (See the setting)

There’s a reason the conversation at the café feels different than the one in the conference room. Capture that welcoming vibe with a space set up for display and dining. Come together for an entire day or a quick conversation. The addition of Steelcase Flex Mobile Office Power means that no matter where you sit, your devices will always be ready to go when you are.

COME ON OVER

> New products and solutions shown here include Orangebox Border, Steelcase Move Stool, PolyVision a3 CeramicSteel Mobile and Moooi Carpets Celestial Round Rug. (See the setting)

It’s so much easier to wrap your head around an idea when you can display concepts and project milestones. A high-sit posture and nearby whiteboards make it easy to host brainstorms or stand-up meetings without cutting the team off from the energy of the rest of the office.

> New upholstery fabric, laminates, back painted glass, accent paints, veneer and lux coating give designers new ways to bring the workplace to life.

These new settings are less monotonous and more layered. Everyone is inspired in different ways. New colors like Cloud and Citrine and new materials like Washed Walnut Veneer and Reclaimed Aggregate Laminate help designers create a unique vision for every organization and help people find a space that makes them feel good.

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