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Best Lap Desks of 2024

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Lap desks allow you to work from the comfort of your bed, a couch, or another location when away from home. Kelvin Fernandez, an internal medicine physician, tutor, and medical residency advisor with Ace Med Boards, explains, “A lap desk encourages us to sit with our backs straight and shoulders relaxed, reducing the risk of chronic back and neck pain that can develop over time from constantly hunching over a laptop on a couch or bed. “

There are several lap desks available from a wide range of manufacturers. Each offers different dimensions, adjustability options, and other features, which can make it difficult to decide which model to purchase. We’ve put together a list of the best lap desks to help you find the ideal one to fit your needs.

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- ✓ 20 angle settings
- ✓ Integrated mouse pad
- ✓ Cushion for comfort and airflow

CONS:

- ✗ Mouse pad cannot be adjusted to accommodate left-handed users
- ✗ Phone slot may be too small for larger phones

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The LapGear Ergo Pro Lap Desk offers several features that help it earn its place as our best overall pick. First, each user can find a comfortable and ergonomic position for their body by adjusting the angle of the desk with 20 different angle and elevation options available. At 20.5 inches wide, this desk is able to accommodate 15.6-inch [laptops](#) and is at least 4 inches wider than most of the models on our list.

With the extra width, individuals can more comfortably use an external mouse on this lap desk – it even has an integrated mouse pad. However, since the mouse pad is built into the design of the desk, it isn't removable and cannot be switched to the left side to accommodate left-handed users. A few of the other key features of this model include the dual-bolstered cushion, the microbead cushion for enhanced comfort and airflow, the nonslip support bar to keep laptops from sliding, and the phone slot.

Specs

List Price:	\$39.99
Material:	Polystyrene with fabric microbead cushion
Dimensions:	20.5 in. W x 10.5 in. D x 3.1 in. H

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Best Budget

LapGear Compact Lap Desk »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Affordable
- ✓ Microbead cushion enhances air circulation
- ✓ Integrated handle for portability
- ✓ Built-in pencil tray

CONS:

- ✗ Too narrow for wider laptops or use with a mouse
- ✗ Cannot adjust angle or height

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This Compact Lap Desk from LapGear may be the ideal choice for those who are looking for a budget-friendly pick. At \$11.99, it's significantly less expensive than all the other models on our list. In addition to its more affordable price tag, the lap desk is designed with portability in mind. It weighs less than 1 pound and has an integrated carrying handle. The desk is large enough for use with 15-inch laptops but might not be a suitable pick for those with a larger computer or anyone who needs space to use an external mouse.

The lap desk has a dual-bolster cushion base to keep your legs comfortable when working. Filled with microbeads, the cushion allows air to flow freely. This helps to prevent your laptop – and your legs – from getting too hot as you work. The desk can also be used for writing and has an integrated pencil holder to keep writing utensils from rolling around. It's available in five different colors: Black, Charcoal, Alaskan Blue, Aqua Sky, and Rose Quartz.

Specs

List Price: \$11.99

Material: Polystyrene with microbead cushion

Dimensions: 14.5 in. W x 10.5 in. D x 2 in. H

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Best for Travel

AboveTek Portable Lap Desk »



PROS:

- ✓ Retractable mouse pad
- ✓ Lightweight and compact for portability
- ✓ Anti-slip surface to grip laptop

CONS:

- ✗ No cushion
- ✗ Textured surface isn't ideal for writing

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The slim and compact design of the AboveTek Portable Lap Desk makes it easy to slide into a backpack, a briefcase, or a suitcase when traveling. It's just more than 14 inches wide and only weighs about 2 pounds, so it won't add much bulk or weight to your bag. The desk can accommodate 15.6-inch laptops and has a double-rubber strip to keep them from sliding as you type.

Despite its compact size, you can still use an external mouse with this model thanks to its retractable mouse pad. Additionally, you can position the mouse pad on either side of the desk, which means that both right- and left-handed users will be able to comfortably use a mouse with this desk (unlike with models that have integrated mouse pads). Another perk: The lap desk has Heat Shield Protection on the base to keep your laptop from overheating when you're working for an extended period.

Specs

List Price:	\$59.99
Material:	Plastic
Dimensions:	14.2 in. W x 9.8 in. D x 0.6 in. H

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Best for Gaming

Couchmaster Cycon² Lap Desk »



PROS:

- ✓ Six integrated USB ports
- ✓ Adjustable board to fit different body sizes
- ✓ Large cushions to alleviate stress on neck and shoulder muscles

CONS:

- ✗ Expensive
- ✗ Takes up a lot of space

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The Couchmaster Cycon² is a great match for gamers. With six USB 3.0 ports integrated into the design, you can power your mouse, [keyboard](#), [headset](#), and other gaming essentials with ease. Simply connect the special cable between the desk and your computer, and it'll supply power to all the devices you plug into the USB ports. Keeping all the cords out of the way is possible thanks to the integrated cable management system.

Aside from its functionality, this lap desk is designed with comfort in mind. It offers memory foam cushions to alleviate strain from the neck and shoulder muscles. It allows users to maintain a more ergonomic position than when sitting with just a lapboard. The board isn't fixed in place, enabling individuals to adjust its position to accommodate their body type and comfort needs. With the desk's side pockets, you can keep remotes, snacks, and other necessities within easy reach.

Specs

List Price:

\$184.90

Material:

Plastic-based with suede-covered memory foam cushions

Dimensions:

32.68 in. W x 23.62 in. D x 7.48 in. H

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Best for Adjustability

Huanuo Adjustable Lap Desk »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Adjustable height and angle options
- ✓ Cushioned
- ✓ Integrated handle for carrying

CONS:

- ✗ Too narrow for wider laptops
- ✗ No integrated mouse pad

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If you're someone who likes having lots of options, the Huanuo Adjustable Lap Desk has you covered. This model offers eight different tilt positions, helping each user find the ideal angle to match their typing or viewing preferences. The plastic lip on the desk keeps computers from sliding off when tilted. When not in use, the adjustable panel sits flat, giving the desk a slim and compact profile to allow for easy portability. It weighs less than 2 pounds and even offers an integrated handle for carrying.

There are two cushions at the base of this desk so that it rests comfortably on the top of your legs as you work. In addition to being used with a laptop, the smooth surface means that this model can function as a lap writing

board or a drawing desk. You could also use it as a laptop stand when working at a larger desk or table.

Specs

List Price: \$35.99

Material: Plastic

Dimensions: 14.96 in. W x 11.34 in. D x 5.59 in. H

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The Bottom Line

As you shop for the best lap desk, use your specific needs and priorities to help guide your search. Lap desks are available in a range of sizes, materials, and prices. We like the wider surface area, integrated mouse pad, and adjustable angle options that the LapGear Ergo Pro Lap Desk offers, prompting us to choose it as our best overall pick. However, as you consider your priorities, you may decide that one of the other models on our list is a better fit for you.

Things To Consider When Buying Lap Desks

Size: Finding a lap desk that's appropriately sized to match your needs is essential. As you compare the various options on the market, you'll notice that there's quite a range of sizes available, and you don't want to end up with a desk that is too small to accommodate your needs or is overly large and cumbersome.

Start by measuring the width of the laptop you'll be placing on the desk. Then, consider whether or not you'll be putting anything else on the desk along with the

laptop. For example, if you like using an external mouse or keypad, you'll want to look for a model wide enough to hold these items and leave you adequate space to maneuver them. In addition to measuring what you want to place on top of the desk, consider the width of your legs to make sure that the lap desk will sit comfortably over them without feeling too tight.

Don't forget to think about storing the desk when it's not in use and whether or not you plan to take it anywhere with you. Lighter models will be easier to carry, and more compact choices will be easier to store or pack in a bag.

Material: Material is another important feature to consider as you shop for a new lap desk. First, consider the overall durability and longevity of each material type. Cheaper plastic options are less likely to be as long-lasting as lap desks that are made from metal, wood, or more durable plastic.

In addition to sturdiness, you should also think about how using each material type will feel. Wooden lap desks may be too heavy for long-term use. Likewise, they may not allow for as much ventilation as options made from plastic or metal.

You should also consider the feel of the surface material. If it's overly slick, your laptop may slide around as you shift your position. Choosing a desk with grippers to hold the laptop in place or a nonslip design can help prevent this potential problem.

While some lap desks have adjustable legs, others are designed with a built-in cushion to rest directly on your legs. If you're looking at one of these models, consider the materials used to make the cushion and how much padding it offers to decide whether or not it'll provide the comfort it's meant to.

Ventilation: "Good ventilation is definitely important in a lap desk, especially if using your laptop for extended periods," explains Niki Tashe, a senior interior designer at [Kitchen Renovation Singapore](https://www.kitchenrenovationsingapore.com), a home remodeling company. He adds, "Look for lap desks elevated on legs or with open backs to allow airflow and prevent computers from overheating on your lap."

Other models on the market feature cushions that provide enhanced ventilation by allowing more air to flow in the space beneath the computer. If you use your laptop for long stretches at a time or it regularly overheats, Tashe shares, "Fan-powered lap desks take this a step further for maximum cooling ability."

Special Features and Storage: Some manufacturers integrate additional features into the design of their lap desks. Some of these features that you might want to look for include:

- **Storage:** Some lap desks offer storage compartments to hold cables, pens, pencils, notebooks, or other supplies. These models can help you keep everything you need easier to access when you're working.
- **Height/Angle Adjustability:** According to Tashe, "Adjustable legs allow tweaking the angle and height to customize your set up."
- **Features for Enhanced Portability:** Some manufacturers add features that make their lap desks more portable. These can include built-in handles, compact profiles, and folding designs.
- **Integrated Mouse Pads:** If you like using an external mouse, then finding a lap desk with a built-in mouse pad may be a bonus for you. One downside of some of these models is that the mouse pad cannot be removed or repositioned, which may make them an unviable option for left-handed users.
- **Phone Mount:** You can also find models with an integrated phone holder or mount. These may be a good fit for those who want to be able to keep an eye on their messages or use their phone as an additional screen when working.
- **USB Ports:** Some models may also feature USB ports, making it possible to charge your cell phone and other devices by plugging them into the lap desk.

How We Chose the Best Lap Desks

When choosing the best lap desks, we considered the feedback shared by several professional reviewers. Similarly, we sought to include products that were highly rated by everyday customers who had tried the lap desks to see how they fit their needs. Additionally, Kelvin Fernandez, an internal medicine physician, tutor, and medical residency advisor with [Ace Med Boards](#), and Niki Tashe, a senior interior designer with [Kitchen Renovation Singapore](#), also helped us finalize our selections and provided insights about what one should look for when choosing a new lap desk.

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FAQ

Are lap desks good for posture?



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