Four Simple Workplace Productivity Hacks: How to Set Up Your Office Environment to Get More Out of Your Workers

If you run a company or just work for one, the one thing everyone is concerned about is the "bottom line." But what some companies fail to recognize is that worker comfort directly affects their profits and production. If you're trying to come up with ways to increase profits and worker well being - then keep reading. Here are the 4 easiest ways to hack workers productivity and increase their overall happiness at the same time.

Look at Furry Little Animals
Have you ever wondered why those dumb "cat" websites are so popular? Apparently, one reason is they help you be more productive at work. Studies have shown that people who [look at pictures or videos of cute little animals](#) tend to have better focus and productivity. Although, researchers are not certain as to why this is, they speculate it has to do with our innate need to be protective and careful around small babies and animals.

Create a Natural View - or Paint One on the Walls
Another way to boost productivity is to have a [view of nature](#). Anyone who has ever worked in an office with no windows can probably tell you how "sterile" and demoralizing it feels. But research has shown that views of nature (trees, parks, plants, beaches, etc...) boosts happiness and productivity. Views of plain walls, parking lots and rooftops won't give the benefit. It has to be views of nature. Don't have a wooded forest outside your office? Paint one on the walls - yes, even a painting of a natural scene in a windowless room can increase the feelings of contentment.

It's Getting Hot in Here
This one came as a shock to me, but [working in a warm office](#) (around 77 degrees) actually helps reduce mistakes and increases workers production. Cold offices decrease productivity exponentially. Lesson: Don't be a Scrooge with the coal and warm up the office.

Add in a Welcoming Break Area
Okay, giving breaks to increase productivity seems like an oxymoron. But think about it. If you need a break (and everyone does) going to an area within your office/building that helps you re-energize, communicate and collaborate with others, or even enjoy quiet time will only help workers do their job more efficiently. Although not every business can be a Google and [have their own cafe](#), they should be able to set aside some sort of area for employees to enjoy their lunch and commiserate. All that's needed are some tables and chairs, counter space (and cabinet storage), a couple microwaves, and for extra benefit, add in some commercial [water coolers](#). Don't worry about the "water cooler" effect - how well people get along in the office has a direct correlation to how productive they are.

There are literally thousands of hacks that can increase worker productivity - but not all of them also increase worker satisfaction. These can be easy ones to implement, they're not too costly

(maybe even money saving) and can yield outsize benefits to your company. If you implement any of these let us know how it works for you!