

## Love your laundry room



rich colour or indulgent wallpaper. Remember that wallpaper easily hides any imperfections you might have and can add a bold graphic pattern. Bring in some gorgeous lighting that sparkles against the appliances, and for heaven's sake, take down that hideous fluorescent light! Replace the terrible linoleum or cold concrete with something that will stand up to high traffic. Consider porcelain tile—this will offer resistance to damp clothing or towels and will conceal any dirt.

Now bring in the luxuries, such as glass canisters for detergent and fabric softener. Have beautiful baskets on hand for extra towels, clothes pins, and dryer sheets. Set up a craft table for easy laundry folding, present wrapping, or magazine reading.

Enjoy your wonderful chores. ■

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**T**he laundry room is usually a forgotten space—a room that always seems to turn into a dumping ground for household belongings. Yet people in most households spend an average of five hours a week in these drab, uninviting rooms. Make your laundry room a beautiful space, and you will be excited to get all that laundry done—in fact, you might be looking for reasons to go in and stay for awhile.

Start by thinking about whether or not you are happy with your

appliances. Are they as efficient as they should be? Would a stacking system work better for your small space? Maybe a new floor plan is required. Consider taking down a wall or moving it back to provide more space. If you have a laundry room next to a powder room, you can take the partition wall down to make a larger, more open plan. This small alteration can create a much more functional space.

Now think about your storage and whether you would rather have open shelves or closed cabinets. The more storage the better, and adding one open shelf will provide a place to display your more decorative elements.

Try not to think of your laundry room as strictly utilitarian. Carry your home's decorating scheme through. Use a beautiful,