

HINTS FOR THE HOME

LAUNDRY DAY DOESN'T HAVE TO BE DREARY. A WELL-APPOINTED LAUNDRY ROOM CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

How? Let the sun shine in: Move the Laundry area up from the basement to let in natural light. Next, enjoy yourself. Put in a T-V and bookshelf. Countertops are key in Laundry space for ironing, folding and other tasks so you want them to be attractive. Designers say quartz is the most popular material, followed by porcelain tile and granite.

Also, go for a great sink. A beautiful and durable laundry sink can add elegance as well as functionality. The ones from Blanco are made of sturdy stainless steel or Silgranit—a granite composite material that uniquely resists stains, scratches and household acids. You'll want a deep bowl such as the Blanco Quatrus or Blanco Liven for soaking and accessories such as an integrated basket to hold cleaning tools or to dry small delicates. A movable basket cleverly fits inside Blanco's new laundry sinks where it won't take up valuable counter space.

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