

new commercial styles have shelves that can be installed inside the shower. Make sure when designing your bath or shower space to consider built-in storage for the shampoo, cream rinse, and soap, so they'll be stored conveniently for use.

LAUNDRY ROOMS

Laundry rooms are well suited to bulk storage located up high. What about adding open shelving over the doorway and across the top of your laundry room. If you use commercial or wire rack shelving, it will double nicely for hanging clothes as they come out of the dryer. Cabinets over the washer and dryer offer ideal storage for laundry detergent and cleaning supplies, up away from small children.

Note that front-loading washers offer a smaller footprint and some models can be stacked with dryers to free up more space for storage cabinets. Some of the front-loading machines offer storage under the units or pull out storage beside the units. One other item to consider in the laundry room is a built-in ironing board or one that pulls out from a cabinet drawer. If there's no broom closet, make sure you install a hanging device designed to hold



Create the best use for spaces with integrated storage solutions.

laundry room

Example Solution



Primarily the laundry facility, this flexible space serves many purposes. It extends the home office, and provides a staging area when entertaining. Well-designed cabinetry conceals a considerable amount of storage, and durable work surfaces are suitable for a variety of tasks.

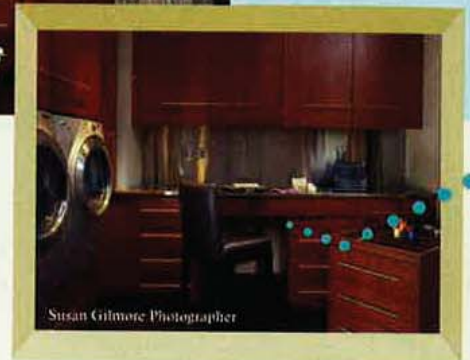
Dual tabourets under the counter roll out, offering work surfaces and a carousel for artist supplies. The mobility of these units makes the space highly functional, while maintaining a neat appearance.

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Create flexible use spaces that can accommodate various tasks.



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brooms, mops, and dust pans. This will keep them neatly up off the floor, out of the way, and if located behind a door, out of site.

OTHER ROOMS

Is there an extra bedroom that's infrequently used? By turning this area into the office, den, or reading room, you can get all the books, computer equipment, and other items out of the living space. You can always use a day bed that doubles as a couch for any overnight guests. Use wicker baskets under the day bed to store games and toys for the grandkids.

Let's go to the garage or basement; is everything lying on the floor? This is the best space to think vertical. What a great space to store the bikes, coolers, and sports equipment from the ceiling. Have you checked out all the new commercial-styled cabinets for garage storage? These are the tool man's heaven. The manu-

factures of these cabinet storage systems have thought of everything. What a place for all the tools, auto supplies, drop cords, extra light bulbs, and just about anything else. You could even put a game room or bar in here.

There's often hidden storage in homes that we never considered. Have you ever put open wall storage between the studs of walls? Or putting a bookcase or desk area under the stairs? What about window seats with plenty of bulk storage space. If you look with an open mind, you'll most likely find that storage you need. ■

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