

HOMES & GARDENS[®]

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BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

From a renovated castle to a modern rustic retreat

ARTFUL DECORATING
Inspired by David Hockney
and dramatic florals

SPRING AWAKENING
The charm of a romantic
lakeside garden and
glamorous roof terrace

PLUS
Creating the perfect utility room



Finishing touches

PATTERNED TILES ■ UPHOLSTERED FOOTSTOOLS ■ EMBROIDERED FABRICS

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TURN TO STONE Using natural materials, such as stone for floors, worktops and sinks, gives a more organic feel to this practical utility room. The generous sink will satisfy a range of tasks, from filling tall vases and soaking pans to bathing the dog. Kitchen by Plain English, plainenglishdesign.com.

THE BEAUTY OF UTILITY

A well-planned laundry, boot room or pantry, will help to ensure that calm and order prevails throughout the rest of your home





◁ **BEHIND THE SCENES** If you're planning a kitchen extension and entertain frequently, consider apportioning an area for a utility. A room leading off the kitchen acts as backstage, providing somewhere for extra storage, dirty dishes or prep and cooking, improving the ambience of the kitchen itself and making it a more enjoyable setting for guests. Cabinetry by Studio Indigo, studioindigo.co.uk; lmo bars stools by Pinch, pinchdesign.com.

▽ **CUPBOARD LOVE** You might be surprised by how much can fit in a cupboard. This tailor-made design by Edmondson Interiors, edmondsoninteriors.co.uk, stacks the washer and dryer, with a pull-out shelf between for folding laundry, and also offers somewhere above the sink to drip-dry smaller items. When the laundry is done, close the doors and it disappears from view.



◁ **HIDDEN ASSET** In a large kitchen, the laundry area can be separated from the rest of the space into a neat unit so that it can be easily closed away out of sight. This little laundry store has no airs or graces but has everything needed, from appliances to linen storage, in a well-organised package.

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Pets and their paraphernalia take up a lot of room. I design dog beds to fit the unused area under a countertop. This keeps them nicely contained and frees up the floor space.”

ANNA STANDISH, interior designer, annastandish.com.

