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Store & ORDER

Create a calm, ordered interior with a dedicated boot room and pantry to keep everything in its place

Now that the autumn season is in full swing, boot rooms and pantries really come into their own. With wet dog walks and muddy sports seasons ahead, a dedicated boot room is particularly useful for removing and storing dirty boots and shoes, as well as providing somewhere to keep pet beds warm and dry – add a butler or Belfast sink, and you have a handy utility area, too.

A walk-in pantry – or larder – meanwhile, is a helpful and stylish storage area, no matter the size of kitchen. Whether it is a fully fitted space with cabinetry, worksurfaces and shelving, or a simple stack of open shelves, this is a perfect place for keeping cookware and ingredients easily accessible without cluttering up the main kitchen area.

Whilst both boot rooms and pantries are especially useful in the autumn and winter months, they are practical assets year-round, and therefore a good investment in achieving functional full-time storage for any home.



BOOT ROOMS

As a boot room will be used to store everything from hats, coats, bags and umbrellas to boots and dog paraphernalia, for maximum versatility, choose a combination of cupboards, shelving, bootjacks and racks alongside made-to-measure drawers and pull-outs, with bench seating concealing shoe storage beneath.

“A well-designed and functioning boot room can take some of the pressure from the rest of the house. Not just in terms of storage, but in organisation and practicality, too,” explains bespoke kitchen designer Charlie Kingham. “When it comes to designing a boot room, it is important to create a space that is not only a transitional area from the outside to the house, but a practical space that can cope with mud, dirt and dogs. We always aim to investigate a client’s lifestyle and create the room around that. ▶

ABOVE Specially crafted to fit into an open-plan kitchen, this country-style boot room area includes a handmade oak shelf and storage bench. From £5,000, Naked Kitchens

LEFT This boot room has Shaker-style doors and is hand-painted in Little Greene’s Lead Colour No.117. From £5,000, Charlie Kingham

OPPOSITE Open shelving offers a versatile display that also makes the boot room feel airy.

Pembroke shelving unit, £840; Somerton baskets, from £44 each; Arundel bench, from £190, all Neptune





alcove, it provides plenty of storage for dried food, cookware, baking ingredients and more. Updated for modern-day use, today's designs can incorporate wet and dry zones, with cooling areas alongside wicker baskets and open shelving for homemade preserves from the glut of autumn's berry picking and vegetable crop.

"Historically the pantry was built in the coolest, darkest corner of the kitchen," explains Graeme Smith, head of design at 1909 Kitchens. "Its purpose was to store dry food, baking accessories, jars, bottles, plates, cups, bowls, cooking equipment or books. Now, the pantry has become more than just a storage area; it has become a clever addition to the kitchen, providing additional worktop space or preparation area. The modern pantry is the new utility. With the vast array of ingredients now available and all ▶

ABOVE This large natural-oak larder features polished nickel details and could be easily adaptable to a smart separate pantry.

Larder, from £13,800, Brompton collection, McCarron & Co

LEFT Even a compact space such as a corridor or alcove can be transformed into a pantry with tongue-and-groove panelling and open shelving along one wall. *Bespoke Classic English Pantry, £3,000*