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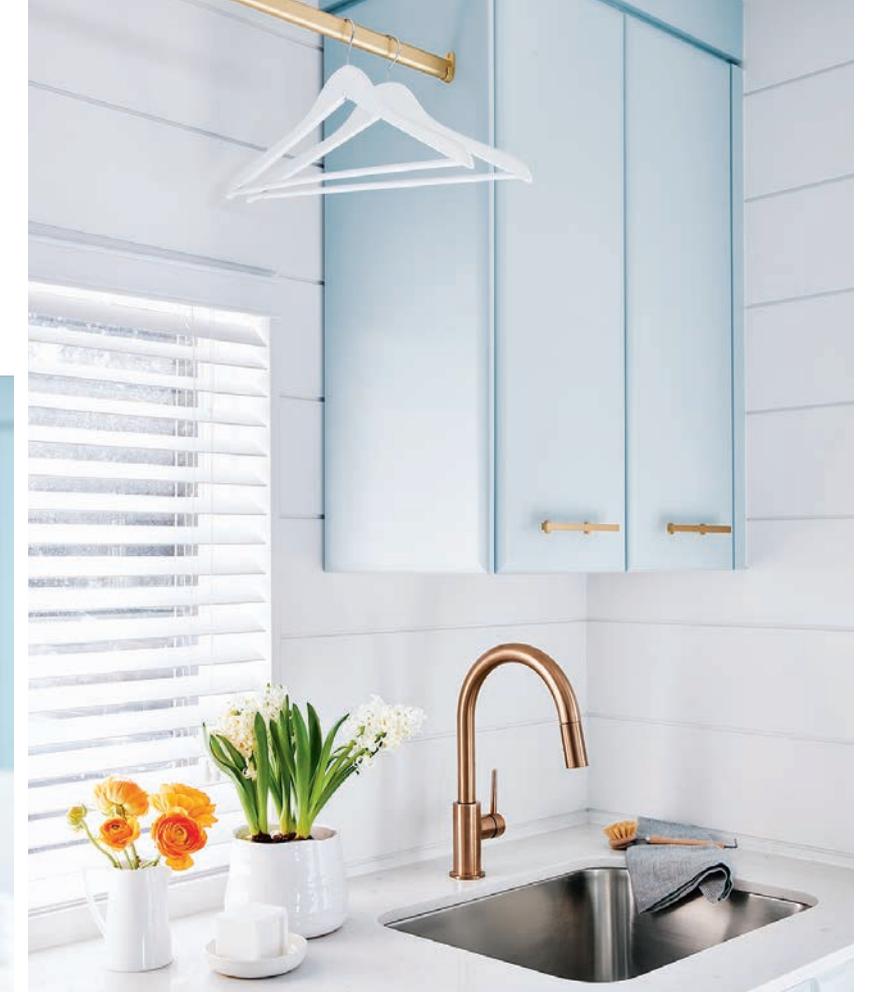
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a lighter LOAD

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A vintage-look light fixture lends both illumination and charm.

“You end up having to spend a lot of time in a laundry room, so why not love how it looks?” This sage advice comes from designer Cynthia Soda of Soda Pop Design Inc., who didn’t sacrifice an ounce of style in creating a functional space in her parents’ Stouffville, Ont., home. Here’s how she fashioned an area that helps make such tasks as washing, folding and ironing inviting.



TAKE RISKS

Because a laundry room is often tucked away in a private area of a home, it’s an ideal spot for taking a decorative chance. Soda achieved an eclectic modern sensibility with bold choices such as serene pale-blue custom cabinetry and graphic black-and-white patterned hexagonal floor tiles.

THINK OUTSIDE THE ROOM

A practical space like this shouldn’t be wasted on a single function. Take inventory of your needs, then consider them carefully when planning out the room. Perhaps you require extra storage for dishware or mudroom essentials. This is the place to incorporate it.

BRIGHTEN UP

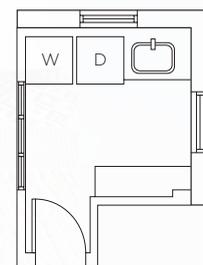
“There’s nothing worse than being stuck in a dark room to do your laundry,” says Soda. If the space lacks windows, spend money on additional lighting. Here, a large window welcomes a ton of sunshine, so Soda went with a single standout: an old-school metal-cage light fixture.

IT’S IN THE DETAILS

Small special touches lift this room to the next level. Shiplap clads the walls and ceiling, while a darling decal graces the frosted-glass door. Even the undermount sink speaks to Soda’s creativity: One side is angled with a handy integrated washboard.

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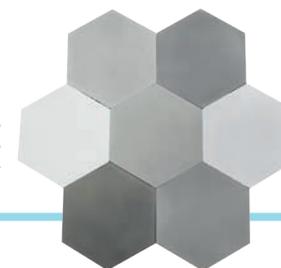


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