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Inspiring PANTRIES & UTILITIES

Often behind closed doors, these unsung hero spaces are the workhorses of the kitchen – and the rest of the home – ensuring everything runs smoothly; so don't they deserve to be beautiful as well as functional? **Charlotte Luxford** showcases some of the best we've seen lately



Bold entrance

The bold floral motifs of the wallpapered entrance create a dramatic frame for this pantry, drawing in the eye with pops of red and light blue joinery. Floor-to-ceiling storage ensures a functional layout where everything has its place, and open shelving introduces a sense of lightness, while allowing for a curated display. "As a finishing touch, the hardware provides sculptural interest and tactile appeal," says Massimo Buster Minale, founder and creative director of Buster + Punch. "This bold yet refined choice elevates the scheme, creating a striking design feature while providing practical storage for utensils and other cooking equipment." Shown are the Cross plated pull bars in brass, from £99 each, from Buster + Punch, and the Ella Harlequin x Diane Hill wallpaper, £102 per m. *Photography Dustin Halleck*



Aim high

For this powder-pink utility room designed by The Mint List, the team commissioned Roundhouse to create bespoke cabinetry that utilises the unusually high ceilings. The stacked laundry appliances create a compact vertical zone, enhanced by a connecting pull-out shelf ideal for loading and unloading. An open compartment beneath the countertop offers a dedicated spot for a laundry basket. "The blush-toned timber keeps the room calm and cohesive and the Taj Mahal quartzite gives it a luxurious finish," says Ben Hawkswell, senior designer at Roundhouse. "A functional yet elegant utility space with intelligent storage at its heart." Pictured is the Urbo, Metro and Period 2 Classic cabinetry painted in Farrow & Ball's Setting Plaster; Roundhouse kitchens start from £60,000. *Photography Mary Wadsworth* →



Form and function

Built for a busy family of five, the design for this utility room was all about maximising functionality while maintaining a quietly luxurious aesthetic. A full-length Arabescato marble worktop provides generous preparation and folding space, paired with a classic Belfast sink. Pull-out drying racks, slide-out timber shelves for resting baskets, and deep drawers, ensure every item has its spot. "One of the smartest features is the four-storey laundry chute, which drops directly into the room – a family-friendly detail that keeps daily life running smoothly," says Marcelina Janizsewska, senior interior designer at Project London, who worked collaboratively with Cor Domi on the bespoke joinery. Dual washers and dryers are tucked beneath the counter, with pink Claybrook floor tiles zoning the laundry area. Pale blue cabinetry sets a calm tone, finished with warm brass trims and hardware. Cor Domi kitchens start at £50,000. *Photography Malcolm Menzies*

In the zone

Interior design firm Studio Westmaas took the corner of a large hallway area in this home and has transformed it into an ultra-functional laundry room. By encasing it in glazed panels, the room still feels full of light, despite the fact that it doesn't have any windows. This has also proven a clever way to partition the space without it seeming too enclosed. At the same time, space-saving sliding doors ensure the laundry room doesn't encroach on the main walkway, or eat into valuable floor space. "You can often find a little cubbyhole or an alcove and create another room; it's the best feeling to find you have suddenly added purpose to what may have looked like an unusable space," says Helen Parker, creative director at Devol. Shown is the Real Shaker cabinetry by Devol, painted in the brand's Scullery Yellow – a gorgeously pastel shade that adds to the lightness of the design. Laundry rooms by Devol start from £5,000. →