

LINEN PRESS MAKEOVER: 10 SIMPLE RULES

- 1 Declutter all cupboards and storage areas, including under the laundry sink, and assess what's necessary in this room. The laundry can become a dumping ground and often items belonging in the garage are stored here. Allocate only the items you need to make this room functional.
- 2 Purchase several laundry baskets to sort wash loads into whites, blacks, coloureds, linens and towels to reduce the time it takes to sort loads — and train your children, partner and flatmates to do the same.
- 3 Take advantage of fine days for drying clothes. A sunny day is an opportunity to get ahead with laundry.
- 4 Install drying racks on a free wall that can be folded away when not in use, then weather will no longer dictate when your washing is done. This will also save you using the clothes dryer.
- 5 When installing a clothes dryer above a washing machine, ensure the washing machine lid will open fully.
- 6 Move shelves in cupboards to maximise the use of space between shelves so you don't store air.
- 7 Fold towels into three folds so shelves look organised. This also maximises the use of space, so rather than have two piles of towels sitting next to each other, you can store three.
- 8 Label shelves for all sizes of sheets and bedding. This will ensure storage and retrieval is fast and easy.
- 9 There is no need to get behind with washing and have piles sitting around the bedroom or laundry. A wash load can be put on at night while everyone's eating dinner and then hung out before going to bed if you are out working every day. Do washing during week nights to free up valuable weekend time.
- 10 For larger families, iron-on labels for each child or family member can be attached with each new clothing purchase. Then it will no longer be a problem to sort clothes into the correct drawers.

A laundry affair

Spice up your washing room with these accessories



Freedom's Grisham Hamper, \$79.95, is big enough to hide all your dirty laundry.

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Soothe those laundry-tub hands with Crabtree & Evelyn's Cooks Milk & Vitamin Enriched Hand Lotion, \$19.95.

Create a mobile laundry station with the Utility trolley with hamper and three-shelf storage from Howard's Storage World, \$89.95.



The Pressa Table Ironing Board from IKEA, \$9.95, is a great option for the space-deprived laundry.



Keep your cleaning items close together with a Vacuum Brush and Broom Tidy from Howards Storage World, \$12.95.



The lilac laundry range from 2 Peas In A Pod makes washing easy and leaves your clothes smelling sweet. The Laundry Wash (right), \$19.95, is a delicate fabric wash that contains fabric softener, the Linen Water (centre), \$16.95, can be used in ironing or as a linen spray, while the Home Spray (left) \$12.95, keeps the laundry room fresh.

For the ultimate drying space saver, try the Pegasus 200 Deluxe Airing from Howards Storage World, \$169.95.



A Vintage Inspirations Peg Bag, \$24, makes hanging out the washing almost seem desirable.

Scent your linen with Verbena, a lemony fragrance known for its purifying and calming properties. L'Occitane's Verbena Linen Water, \$24.95.



The Hulingen Pedal Bin from IKEA, \$19.95, is a handy item to have when cleaning out pockets before putting on a wash.