



LOVING MY LAUNDRY ROOM

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I have laundry room envy! My small 1600 sq. ft. three bedroom bungalow in Costa Mesa, unfortunately, does not have a room dedicated to washing clothes. Instead, I am relegated to doing my laundry in my garage. Which, as you may have guessed, is very clean and organized. I have hung art and have rolling baker's racks with zippered canvas covers replete with rattan baskets to hold my cleaning supplies, rags and laundry detergent. Don't get me wrong, I love my house, my neighbors, and my neighborhood. And besides not having air conditioning, my only other wish would be to have a big (but not too big) beautiful room in my home to do laundry!

It should come as no surprise that one of my favorite rooms to design for my clients is the laundry room. It is the forgotten room. Often times, when walking a clients' home for the first time, they will breeze by it and wave their hands and say, "It is just the laundry room."

Be still my heart! I do not know about you, but I spend a lot of time doing laundry, washing clothes, folding towels and sheets and organizing them. It's like therapy to me but I'm weird that way. I love cleaning my house, organizing and sprucing up my closets, and making my garage spotless. These tasks give me a sense of gratitude for my life and the beautiful place in which we all live. Even if you have someone who does your laundry, your laundry room should be a reflection of you, your home and your lifestyle.

For paint, I always suggest Chantilly Lace (Ben Moore 2121-70) in a satin finish on all cabinets, trim and woodwork. For me, when I pull out those crisp, clean linens, towels and undergarments, the fresh and warm laundry gives me a peace of mind and a sense that all is right in the universe. The satin finish on the woodwork is easy to maintain and lasts longer than a flat finish.



And, since anyone who knows us knows we love wallcoverings, it should come as no surprise that all the designers at Barclay Butera Interiors love using grasscloths. Printed grasscloth, raffia and woven wallcoverings designed by Barclay for Winfield Thybony are distributed through our showrooms and through Kravet. We also love printed and novelty papers with nautical themes, geometric patterns, big modern paisleys and colorful landscapes. The last thing I want to see is a plain painted drywall. Like the powder bath, the laundry room should be memorable. It should bring joy to those who spend hours in it, and those who merely breeze by it.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about my love affair with laundry rooms as well as the clients' home photos included in this article. I certainly enjoyed writing it and sharing my passion for design. I look forward to our next issue and hearing from all of you.