



# Hints For Homeowners

## For A Lovelier Laundry Room

(NAPSA)—While most people think of the laundry room as pretty utilitarian, an increasing number of savvy homeowners have found a way to make it pretty attractive.

Here are six tips and tricks that can help:

**1. Let the sun shine in:** Increasingly, builders and homeowners are moving laundry areas from the basement to higher-traffic areas such as the master suite, kitchen or mudroom. This allows for more natural light, which is always welcome in any workroom.

**2. Save space:** Laundry rooms are still pretty small, so maximizing space is key. With that, compact appliances and accessories are very popular, as are bold and bright colors.

**3. Old is new:** In addition to efficient modern dryers, many laundry rooms today feature good, old-fashioned drying racks for the things that shouldn't go into the machine.

**4. Enjoy yourself:** For those who do have the space, the laundry room can be a place to relax with a TV and a wine rack.

**5. Be “counter-productive”:** If your washer and dryer are front loading, top them with a counter for folding and storage space.

**6. Give the laundry room everything including the kitchen sink:** A beautiful and durable laundry sink can add functionality in a small space while elegantly complementing a finished laundry environment.

### What To Look For

#### In A Laundry Room Sink

Durable materials. For example, BLANCO laundry sinks are available in either sturdy stainless steel or SILGRANIT®, which is a granite composite material that uniquely resists stains, scratches and household acids.

- A deep bowl design for soaking.
- Low maintenance.



**Kitchen sinks—the workhorse of the kitchen—are now in demand in the laundry room.**

- Accessories made for the laundry space. BLANCO'S LIVEN™ sink comes with an integrated basket to hold cleaning tools or to dry small delicates. The basket cleverly fits inside the sink so it doesn't use valuable counter space.

Another good fit for small spaces is the BLANCO QUATRUS™ R15. Built for convenience, it has an extra-deep 12-inch bowl and generous corners to make cleaning up closer to carefree. It's built to fit within a variety of cabinet sizes and has a versatile dual-deck design, so it can be installed as a drop-in or undermount.

Drop-ins go over the counter and undermounts are under it. Undermounts tend to be more stylish and easier to wipe down from the counter—into the sink. Which one you need depends on which countertop material you have. An undermount works well with stone, quartz or granite countertops. A drop-in is better with less expensive materials.

### Learn More

For further facts and to see a wide variety of available sinks, go to [www.blancoamerica.com](http://www.blancoamerica.com).