



DESIGN
Loads of Fun

Ashley DeLapp designs a light, bright laundry room in a Madison Park duplex

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Ashley DeLapp is known for mixing flashy colors and vibrant patterns, exactly what her clients wanted in their windowless laundry room. The Madison Park duplex was a new build, and the room was, DeLapp says, “as builder-basic as they come.” In just two weeks, she gutted the entire space, reconfigured the layout, and added new cabinets, floors, and wallpaper to make it a place her clients wanted to use. “I’d rather walk into this fun, colorful experience of a laundry room than just a closet with machines and bad lighting,” DeLapp says. “It definitely lifts your spirits when you have to do laundry.” —Taylor Bowler



DeLapp installed a quartz countertop around the sink, which has a polished nickel faucet from Brizo.



MAKE ROOM

The room had a closet in the corner that DeLapp removed to open up the space. She installed a deep sink and bright, white cabinets to maximize storage. “From the get-go, I wanted to stack the laundry, but the washer and dryer weren’t that old, so they didn’t want to invest in new appliances,” DeLapp says. “The biggest challenge was trying to fit everything in that little space and not look crammed.”

LIGHT IT UP

DeLapp presented the homeowners with two design options, and both included bold wallpaper. They chose the Sprig & Heron pattern from York Wallcoverings. “The house already has a lot of blue, so they loved that one,” DeLapp says. “It’s such a bold scale, and it’s got metallic accents in it, so it really lightens that room up.” On the ceiling, DeLapp replaced the fluorescent strip light with a white pendant light with a plaster finish from Old World Design.



“We kept the washer and dryer, but everything else got gutted,” DeLapp says. “The cabinets, floors, backsplash, sink, and lighting are all new.”

DECK IT OUT

DeLapp chose polished nickel hardware, and she added a Lucite hanging rod from Etsy beneath the floating cabinets to give the homeowners a place to hang-dry clothing. She covered the floor with a gray marble tile from Floor & Decor and installed a blue tile backsplash with a crackle glaze. “I didn’t want anything crazy-busy that would compete with the wallpaper,” she says. “I built everything around that wallpaper, and it needed to make a statement.”