





## Mudroom Magic

Tips for transforming the hardworking **mudroom** from drab to fab

F ALL THE task-oriented rooms in the house, the mudroom has always ranked near the bottom in terms of style. But today, dressed-up mudrooms are all the rage. Whether it's as simple as a bench and coat rack by the kitchen door, or as decked-out as an addition to the back of the house, this once-utilitarian walk-through has evolved into a showy space where form and function merge in many ways. If you want to create an efficiently equipped room where you can wipe your feet in style, we've gathered the following tips, examples and products guaranteed to help you do just that.

Keep function foremost in mind when creating a mudroom. As a transitional space between what's indoors and out, this room's primary purpose is to help keep the rest of the house clean and clutter-free. Regardless of its beauty, if the room doesn't perform, it's not worth having.

Determine your needs. A young family's ideal mudroom differs greatly from those of a wheelchair-bound homeowner or a single dweller with a dog. The quantity and types of storage spaces, the height of hooks and handles, and the types of amenities and access all vary based on your specific requirements.