

## LAUNDRY ROOM DESIGN CHECK LIST

Help your cabinet designer create a functional, efficient laundry room to meet all your storage needs. Check off the items that are important to you and take this list to your cabinet company.

**Appliance selection. Choose your washer and dryer before the plans are completed for your home:** Some of the new machines are quite large and will have a tremendous effect on the size and design of your laundry room. By knowing the size of your machines, your cabinet designer can make sure the washer is on the correct side, thus preventing the doors from blocking the transfer of clothing from the washer to the dryer (There are no industry standards specifying on which side the washer or dryer doors are hinged). Your builder will also need this information to assure that the plumbing fixtures align with the washing machine location. Other snafus that can happen if the architect and the cabinet designer are not aware of your appliance choices: machines that show through windows, that block the entrance to the laundry room, or are too large to fit under the cabinets.



Note how the machines in the picture are too large for the room, but at least the plumbing was installed correctly. How can you tell? The doors open away from one another.

**Built-in wastebasket next to the dryer:** This is a handy idea for lint disposal.



**□ Built-in ironing board:** Keep in mind whether you are left or right-handed when determining the location for the board. You'll also want to specify on which side the door hinges. Remember that the board will need approximately 48" of unobstructed space in which to fold down.



**□ Built-in location for dog crate or litter box:** An open area under the countertop can accommodate either a dog crate or a litter box.



**□ Tall cabinet either for hanging clothing and/or storage of the ironing board, mop, broom, or vacuum:** If your plans do not include a closet in the laundry room, then a tall cabinet is a wonderful substitute. You may want to include an outlet in the back of this cabinet for charging the electric broom.



Open portion in bottom of upper cabinet above washing machine for handy access to detergent, fabric softener, etc.



Long hanging space for hanging up clothing as it is removed from the dryer or for hanging clothing to dry.

Short hanging space above the laundry tub for drip drying of bathing suits, bras, etc.



(If there is no room for hanging space in your laundry room, plan to install our folding hanger pictured below. It will provide 14" of instant hanging space and fold flat against the wall when not in use. Also check out the clip hooks in the picture above. All of the items in the picture are all hung from these hooks...even the tennis shoe! See the product section of the web site ([www.buildingtips.net](http://www.buildingtips.net)) for more information or to place an order.)



**Laundry chute:** The tall upper cabinet in this picture is the laundry chute.



**□ Laundry tub enclosed in a cabinet:**

If there is no room for a built-in wastebasket, a traditional basket can be stored under this cabinet.

**□ Location for hand towel or paper towel holder**



**□ Stand-alone laundry tub**



**□ Front-loading washing machine and dryer located under a countertop:** This design is a great way to create folding space. Remember to place the water connections and the electrical outlet below the countertop.



**□ Built-in sorting space:** The base cabinets in this laundry room have been designed to hold four laundry baskets. These baskets can be used to sort and store clothing waiting to be washed, or to segregate clean, folded clothing by family member.



**(If there isn't enough space in your laundry room for a built-in sorting area, consider our exclusive Sort 'n Neat Laundry Sorter. This product is designed for small laundry rooms and will sort FOUR loads of laundry in just 24" of wall space! The bags are easily removed from the hanger and the strong, slick fabric allows the clothing to slip into the washing machine. No more bending over! The ability to place a label above each bag provides sorting instructions to all family members. Twelve labels are included with each Sort 'n Neat. See the product section of the web site ([www.buildingtips.net](http://www.buildingtips.net)) for more information or to place your order.)**

**(Each of the following pictures shows two laundry sorters side by side.)**



Built-in desk area or gift wrapping station.



**Drop zone:** This cabinetry design includes open baskets for sorting mail in the bottom of the upper cabinets, hooks for keys, slots for bills, a built-in wastebasket in the left base cabinet, briefcase/purse storage in the right base cabinet, and outlets for charging electronic equipment.



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