

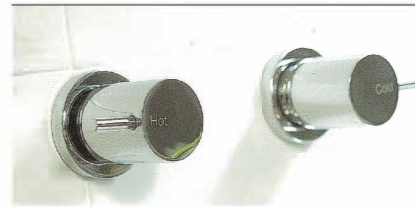
White out

Talk about neat and orderly. This dream laundry has so much storage there's even special drawers for sorting dirty washing

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The wishlist included lots of cupboards, ample bench space and west-facing windows.



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Dryer – Fisher & Paykel white ED 56 Auto Sensing Dryer, \$589, from Harvey Norman

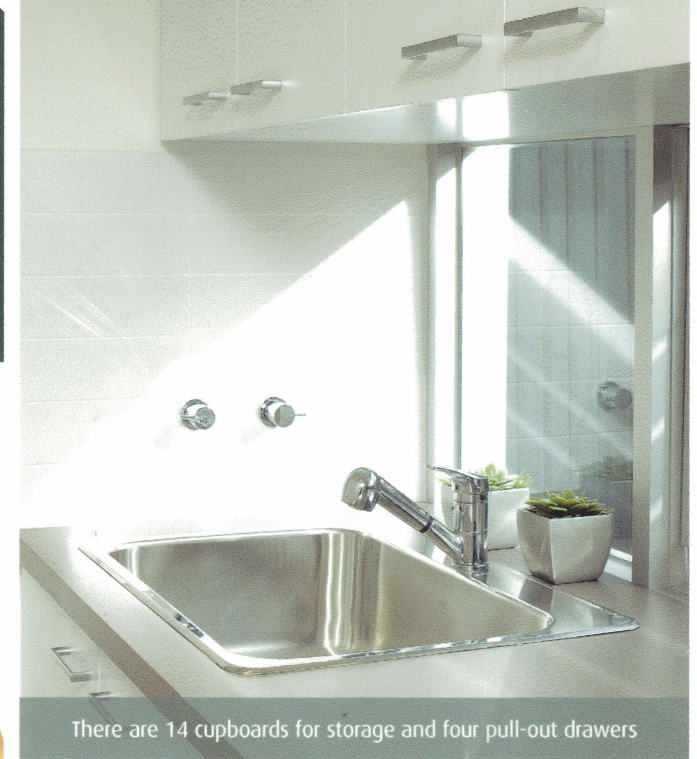
Washing machine – LG white 7kg front-loading washing machine, \$1799, from Harvey Norman

Sink – Kindred Collection stainless-steel 70L trough sink by Kindred Collection, \$706 (optional pull-out nozzle \$214), from Abey Australia

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A trough with pull-out nozzle means the dogs can be washed with ease. **Bottom left** Kerryn Tessier is a die-hard fan of orderliness. **Left** Taps are as fittingly sleek as the rest of the room.



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In Kerryn Tessier's home, everything has a place. And if you can't find where that place is, just follow the signs. You see, Kerryn loves to categorise – the shelves in her kitchen are meticulously marked and her husband need only read the labels on the bedroom drawers to know where his socks and shirts belong.

And then there's her laundry: a shrine to minimalism and order.

Kerryn knew what she wanted in a laundry: plenty of bench space, west-facing windows to capture the afternoon sun, a big trough with a pull-out nozzle so she could wash her two Maltese terriers, Paris and Mia, and lots of cupboards. And that's exactly what she's got.

"My last laundry was too small and there

wasn't enough bench space and nowhere to store clothes," she says. That's not a problem in her Melbourne home in the leafy bayside suburb of Brighton East, where she has lived for almost two years.

Kerryn's laundry has 14 cupboards for storage and four pull-out drawers for separating her washing – one drawer is for whites, a second is for coloureds, a third is for clean clothes destined for sorting and the last is for clothes to be ironed.

Kerryn worked closely with architect Ray Demkiw from Stonehenge Design (Vic) in South Melbourne. She wanted her home to have a large, open space for entertaining, but this meant limiting the width of her laundry.

Almost 3m in length, the laundry is just

wide enough for Kerryn to take clothes out of the dryer and reach behind to her beloved sorting drawers without having to take a step.

Everything in her laundry is within reach. White cupboards above her washing machine store cleaning products, and the ample bench space means that she can stack plates in her laundry during dinner parties so they don't sully the scene in her open-plan kitchen and dining area.

Kerryn loves her laundry – but says if she could add one thing it would be heating ducts in the floor-to-ceiling cupboards.

"That way they could double as drying cupboards," she says. Just another way of keeping everything in its place. 🏠