

# Chic shape

*Metallic touches pop against a restrained palette in this farmhouse-inspired laundry.*

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*Cabinetry, bench space* and appliances are precisely arranged in this suave space on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula.

Built to suit the needs of a busy family of five, this layout may go against the grain of a traditional laundry floor plan, but it is as functional as it is lovely.

"The hallmark of our laundry designs is the considered spatial planning," says interior designer Kate Walker of KWD. "We created symmetry with a central butler's sink and placed the washing machine and dryer on either side to ensure an effective workflow."

With a work area above each appliance, a generous sink and an abundance of storage all positioned along one wall, the room feels large and uncluttered.

Aesthetically, it takes its style cues from Europe's contemporary farmhouses. "The clients loved a laundry in another KWD project, so we took inspiration from that design and developed a space to suit the European farmhouse aesthetic," says Kate.

The neutral colour palette is the foundation, while the dark tones of a quartzite benchtop add depth and contrast. Timber and brass tones offer texture, and an artwork supplies a pop of whimsy, colour and personality.

Last but not least, a clever and practical inclusion hides in the cabinetry. "The clients wanted a laundry chute, so that was a key functional feature," says Kate.

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## LAUNDRY design notes

**JOINERY** Timber veneer in Weathered Oak, Vansellar.

**DOOR HARDWARE** Solid cast cabinet handles in Brass, Domino Brass.

**BENCHTOP & SPLASHBACK** Quartzite stone in Metalicus, Gladstones Granite & Marble.

**SINK** Fireclay sink, The English Tapware Company.

**TAPWARE** Perrin & Rowe tapware in Polished Brass, The English Tapware Company.

**APPLIANCES** Asko.

**ARTWORK** *Daisy Chain Lyrics* by Georgie Wilson.

