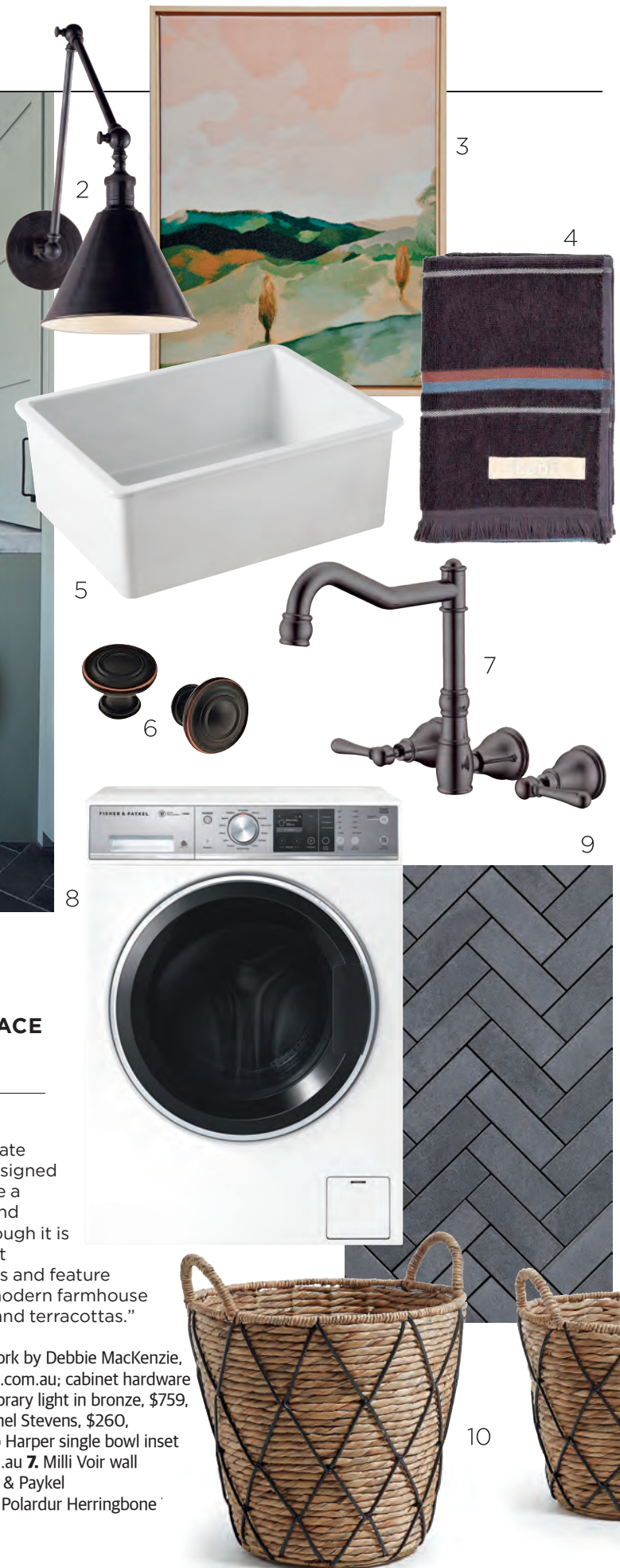




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KEEP IT CLEAN

MAKE WASHING AND FOLDING A PLEASURE IN A SPACE THAT'S LIGHT, AIRY AND BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED

The battered laundry of your childhood home is no more. These days, designers are making laundries just as stylish as the rest of the home. Kate Walker Design director Kate Walker says this Mt Martha laundry was designed as the family entrance for the home, so it was important for it to feel like a considered space, not a utility space. "The result is a light, bright, airy and sophisticated room that sets the tone for the rest of the home, even though it is at the rear," she says. Achieving a modern farmhouse style was all about layering textures. "Add shiplap to the walls, choose interesting floor tiles and feature Shaker-panel doors. A fireclay sink gives you an immediate feeling of modern farmhouse style. Use a colour palette that reflects Mother Nature — blues, greens and terracottas."

1. Mt Martha laundry design by Kate Walker Design, katewalkerdesign.com.au; artwork by Debbie MacKenzie, debbiemackenzie.com; tapware from The English Tapware Company, englishtapware.com.au; cabinet hardware from Hepburn Hardware, hepburnhardware.com **2.** Boston functional double-arm library light in bronze, \$759, montauklightingco.com **3.** Palette by Jono Fleming Rolling Hills framed print by Rachel Stevens, \$260, palettebyjonofleming.com **4.** Kobn charcoal hand towel, \$55, kobn.com.au **5.** Memo Harper single bowl inset fireclay sink, \$750, reece.com.au **6.** Eveleigh cabinet knob, \$4.40, handlehouse.com.au **7.** Milli Voir wall English kitchen set lever handle in brushed gunmetal, \$1190, reece.com.au **8.** Fisher & Paykel WH1260F1 12kg front loader washer, RRP \$2299, fisherpaykel.com.au **9.** Arteserae Polardur Herringbone POA, artedomus.com **10.** Maya set of two baskets, \$299, laforma.com.au