

Fun & Functional: A mudroom/laundry room

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Setting:

- #42389 Blue Pinstripe Wallpaper
- #9667 Beadboard Sheet
- #4200 1/4" Cove Molding
- #34361 Red and White Tile Sheet

Furnishings:

- #13406 1 1/2" Upper Cabinet Kit
- #75951 Red Kitchen Step Stool
- #13403 3" Sink or Stove Base Kit
- #13431 Sink
- #24412 Gooseneck Kitchen Faucet
- #76360 White Hansen Corner Shelf
- #75494 White Stacked Washer/Dryer

Accessories:

- #61082 Yucca Gigantea in Pot
- #78119 Black Gardening Boots
- #21778 Golden Pothos
- #9412 Four Shelf Brackets
- #73095 Four Coat Hooks
- #78608 Straw Hat
- #9417 Two Large Crates
- #55062 Garage Supplies
- #23564 Leo
- #65295 White Laundry Basket
- #11203 2018 Cat Calendar
- #15114 Blue & White Tea Towels Kit
- #40310 Countertop Paper Towel Holder
- #9415 Two Vegetable Crates
- #9413 Two Small Crates
- #55098 4-Pc. Housecleaning Supplies
- #42410 Two Scrubby Sponges
- #55052 Laundry Supplies
- #27215 Potted Mother-In-Law's Tongue Plant
- #65607 Yellow Rubber Gloves
- #23098 Sadie (Black and White Cat)
- #7235 Recycling Bin
- #22230 Folding Ironing Board
- #0863 Metal Garbage Can
- #42430 Kraft Storage Box Kit
- #77482 Modern Iron
- #65602 Laundry Accessories
- #23108 Red Cooler



Tips & Tricks

The storage bench is made from two 1 1/2" upper cabinet kits, assembled as per directions, except: 1) the interior shelves were not used, and, 2) the door panels were replaced with same-size pieces of mat board for the Shaker-style flat-panel look. (If your bench will be stained rather than painted, use 1/16"-thick basswood or balsa instead of mat board.) Hinge one cabinet's door to the left and one to the right. Install door pulls that will use nails or pins (#65549 used here) before installing doors. Check that the doors open easily and do not push inward (use the shelves if desired, or glue a small scrap of wood inside if that is a problem). Place the cabinets end-to-end; if there is a recess at the ends it can be filled with mat board. Add feet if desired (search miniatures.com for "knobs;" many options found there will work well). Add a back panel of heavy paper or mat board. The bench cushion is a scrap of foam core cut to size and upholstered with a layer of thin batting (or felt) covered by fabric.

The sink base cabinet is assembled as per directions, except: the false drawer fronts at the top were replaced with same-length pieces of 1/16" x 3/8" strip wood (or mat board). (The doors are not used in this setting, but were assembled with replacement flat panels and can be installed later if desired.) As a final step after sink installation and before painting, a 1/4" strip of heavy paper is used to fill the toe-kick area and a heavy paper back panel was applied.

Trace the sink opening to create a template before assembling the sink base.

The countertop is a piece of mat board that is cut to size and has the sink opening cut out, using the template described above. Glue strips of 1/8" quarter-round molding (#81430) to the front and side edges; sand the corners round when the glue is dry. Glue a 3/8" strip of mat board to the back edge as a backsplash. Check that it fits onto the sink base.

Finish the countertop as desired; this is a paper printout of a countertop material image found online and glued in place, but a painted faux finish or solid color would also work well.

Install the sink as an undermounted fixture, seen here, or drop it in from the top. Add faucets.