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Interior designer Lynda Kerry chose a Chinese-print wallpaper (Thibaut Oriental Toile from Boyac) for her laundry walls, (previous page). The cabinetry and fittings in the 5x2.5m space have been designed in keeping with the heritage-listed Sydney home, including recessed floor-to-ceiling cupboards used for storing the vacuum cleaner, mop, and household linen. Kerry chose an Asko front-loading washing machine to free up bench space and an Asko Sensor Condenser dryer as it doesn't require venting. A ceramic butler's sink sits in a honed-granite benchtop. The encaustic-cement floor tiles and subway wall tiles are from Aeria Country Floors.

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Country escape

A spacious laundry was on Stephanie and Mark Darling's wish list when they built their country home. Stephanie researched and finessed every detail of this 3x2.5m room (below, left), which includes a double porcelain basin, tiled benchtop, stone floor tiles, decorative cornices and customised cabinetry with traditional beading detail. The wall colour, which Darling describes as an 'antique celadon', is Porter's Paints Lake George. There is abundant storage space, which is used for linen, cleaning items, a drying rack, an ironing board and even the hot-water system. "The room is perfection for me. It's almost my favourite room in the house," says Stephanie. "It has a lovely outlook and I love being in there sorting the washing and ironing."

Warm daze

Interiors consultant Antra Lanski's design business, Taupeology, is named in honour of the hue, so taupe was a natural colour choice for her new laundry (below). "It's such a warm, neutral colour and gives the room a sense of sophistication," says Lanski. The cabinetry is in a Formica laminate in Silver Shadow, complemented by a benchtop and splashback in Carrara marble. Cupboards extend around the 1.6x4.2m room, including easy-to-access linen cupboards and long-term storage spaces above the splashback. To the left of the Miele washing machine is a flip-opening, pull-out cupboard for laundry and above it is a pull-out ironing board from Häfele.

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