



THE STYLISH HOME
By Kelley Moore



Mudroom Makeover

KELLEY MOORE TURNS A TINY MUDROOM FROM TERRIBLE TO TERRIFIC

IF YOUR MUDROOM SEEMS TOO SMALL to be serviceable, fear not, it can be re-made. ✱ The best way to rework any meager space is to plan, edit, organize and conceal. Map out your organizational goals in advance, then clear out the space, donating items you don't need and discarding worn-out pieces. Chic bins and boxes are a simple and stylish way to conceal clutter, and today's organizational tools, from shelving to coat racks, make swanky accessories. Don't forget: even an everyday working space benefits from the personal touch, so be sure to add some family photographs or other memorabilia. ✱ Your mudroom's new welcoming air will not only invite use, but, more importantly, its organizing philosophy actually will help to keep it nice and neat.

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Details

1. A neutral paint palette (Home Depot; homedepot.com) is animated by colorful, easy-to-clean marine fabric (Pacific Fabrics and Crafts; pacificfabrics.com). Cut fabric into panels, add grommets and hooks and hang panels to conceal shoes and create a polished look.

2. The steel shelving unit (\$100 and up, Storables; storables.com) makes a great garden center; adding a grid panel accessorized with hooks and baskets ensures that tools remain orderly and accessible. Glass canisters (Fred Meyer; fredmeyer.com) keep birdseed and clothespins contained, while coat hooks placed high and low allow kids big and small easy access to coats and backpacks. **3.** Dark indoor/outdoor carpet (Home Depot) is practical and easily installed with floor tape. A bench (“Alve,” Ikea; ikea.com) provides a perfect seat for removing dirty shoes and, along with a lidded laundry hamper and colorful bins (all from Storables), is a great out-of-sight storage spot for clothes and outdoor toys damp from rainy-day play. The original photo of the 1910 house, enlarged and mounted on foam core (Kinkos; kinkos.com), adds a charming historical perspective. (Learn how to find an original photo of your house at seattlemag.com.) Keep the family “in the loop” with a wipeable message center (Rustoleum whiteboard paint, Home Depot). A Greek Key door mat (Home Depot) is a classic way to greet guests. **4.** Cute cups (Design Glut Hookmaker, Velocity Art and Design; 206.749.9575; velocityartanddesign.com) make a handy house for keys. +



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