

The New Master Suite

A laundry room is more convenient and appealing when connected to your bedroom and bath.

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Baths, closets, and bedrooms have long gone together. But, increasingly, laundry rooms are becoming part of the package. It only makes sense: You generate and store most of your laundry in and around these areas, so why not locate a washer and dryer there too?

That's what Beaufort, South Carolina, homeowners Steve and Susan Horne did with the help of designer Stephen Litchfield. With clever planning and pocket doors, they linked their bedroom, bath, closet, and laundry room to create a multifunctional space.

The Hornes wanted a timeless look in the newly designed area. Vanities and accessories at one end of the bath feature classic details. The vintage tub sits under a special chandelier in a beaded-board alcove. "The chandelier was my late mother's and always hung over our dining room table growing up," Susan says. "It had no real place in this house, but I couldn't part with it."

In the laundry room, they used the same color palette—crisp white and lavender—and tile floor to tie the two spaces together. *



Beaded-board walls cost less than tile. To ease installation, use 4- x 8-foot plywood sheets.



ABOVE: Splurge on the details. Classic lighting, mirrors, and towel rings coupled with marble countertops do the trick.



RIGHT: Save by not doing base cabinetry. Fabric panels threaded on a tension rod hide the washer and dryer. The simple countertop is perfect for folding.

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