



Utility Room & Hallway

Consultation Recommendations

Client: Mrs Bishop

Address: Lydgate Lane, Crookes, Sheffield

Challenges and the Solution



CURRENT ISSUES

The current space wasn't designed as a hallway and lacks storage space. Currently shoes, backpacks and coats are hung in the kitchen and clutter the space. Unused sink needs to be removed as well as the awkwardly positioned kitchen wall cabinets.

Additional storage space is needed to store laundry essentials, excess shoes, coats and numerous backpacks.

CONSTRAINTS

The existing water pipes leading to the washing machine and the garden water supply need to stay in place. There are currently no plans to expand the kitchen so walls neighbouring the kitchen need to stay in their place.

PROPOSAL

I propose creating three distinct zones in the space:

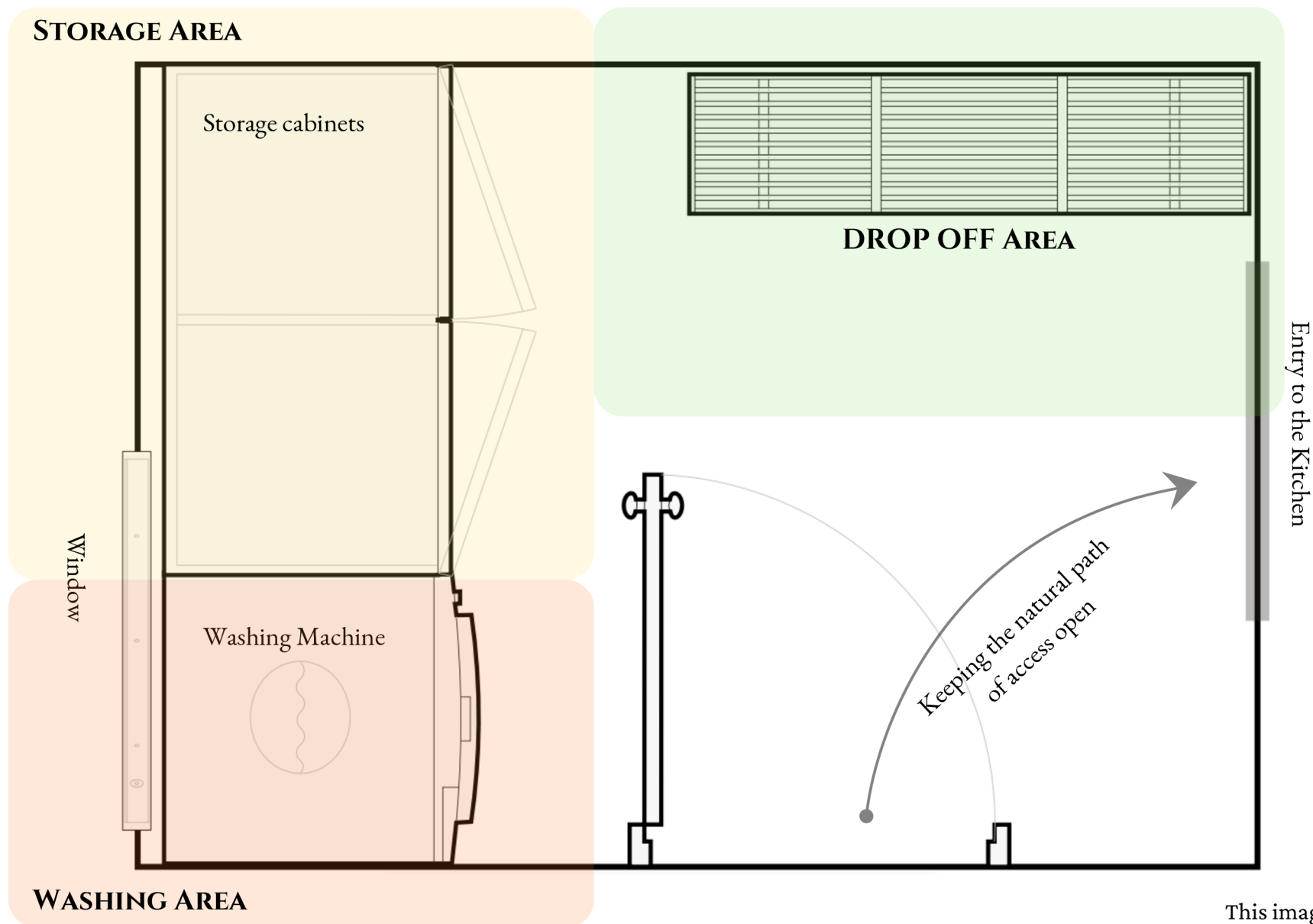
1) Laundry, 2) Storage, 3) Drop off area.

The 'Storage area' would make use of the long stretch of the wall for vertical storage. The 'Laundry area' is somewhat constrained to stay in its current place because of the window positioning and the existing washing machine piping. The 'Drop off' area is best suited to be tucked into the awkward corner where a short wall is dividing the hallway and the kitchen.

Zones in the space

Bench is a practical choice especially with children. Also could be used for shoe storage

Coats can be hung above the bench



This image is not to scale.



Zones in the space



THE DROP OFF AREA

Area used for sitting and putting shoes on or quickly dropping off your items like coats, shoes, hats and gloves.

Underneath the bench, there could either be a shelf to create two levels for shoe storage, or a larger opening as shown on the picture.

There could be a backing panel for this area to make it look like an intentionally designed and coherent area.

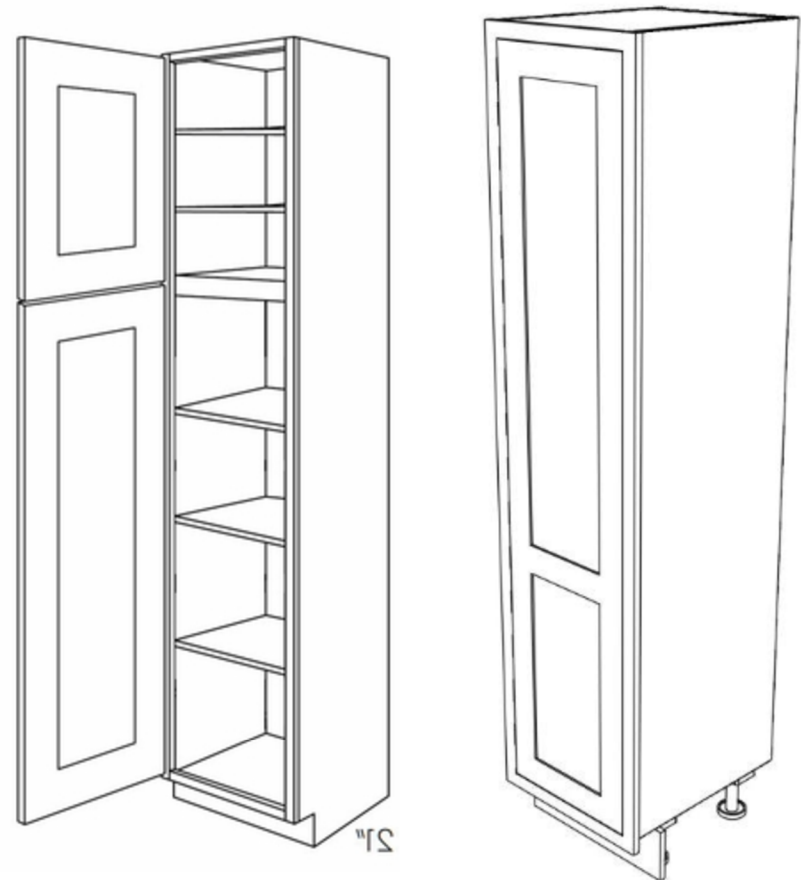
An extra shelf at the top could be used to finish off the area to drop off items like hats or umbrellas.

A set of drawers could be added between the two tall cabinets and the bench. Drawers are always handy for keeping the place tidy.

A mirror could be added above the drawers for those final checks before heading out.

THE STORAGE ZONE

Two tall storage cabinets would be used as a hidden storage for washing detergents, backpacks, extra shoes and coats, and any other items. These cabinets would include shelving to maximise the storage space, and could include drawers for easier access of items. The doors on these cabinets would hide the items from plain view and therefore creating a clutter free aesthetics.





Zones in the space



THE WASHING ZONE

A casing could be created around the washing machine to create a more aesthetically pleasing look. The casing could be with a door or without the doors.

An option with doors would make this look like one of the tall storage cabinets, however from a practical point of view this would mean keeping the door on the washing machine closed and not giving it a chance to ventilate and dry. This could result in washing machine drum smelling.

A casing without the door would still be a nice addition to the space and would still provide a surface to put the laundry basket on.

STORAGE FOR WASHING DETERGENTS

Your washing detergents and all the laundry essentials could live right next to the machine in the tall cupboard. Easily accessible, yet hidden by the doors.

THE TRADITIONAL LOOK

To bring the traditional / farmhouse look to life in this space, elements such as shaker style door on the cabinets, or wooden wall panelling could be used. A light duck egg / sage green colour could be used to match the entrance door.

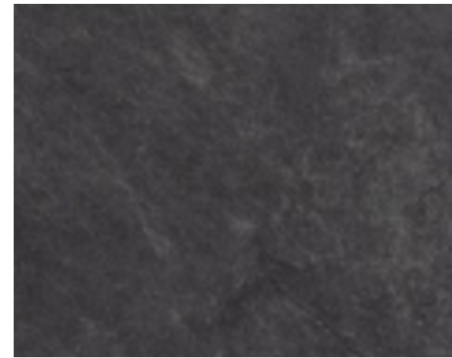


Textures and Materials



COMPLEMENTING ANTHRACITE

The casing could be made out of a kitchen worktop material or could be a kitchen cabinet made to measure. Using anthracite colour would repeat the colour that's already used in the space (on the flooring) and make it more coherent.



EXISTING ROCK SLAB FLOORING

The existing flooring is a very practical choice for an entryway to the house. To make the space look coherent and intentional, I'd recommend repeating the dark anthracite colour somewhere else in the space. This could be for example of washing machine casing or the bottom half of a bench to sit on. The colour variations are endless.

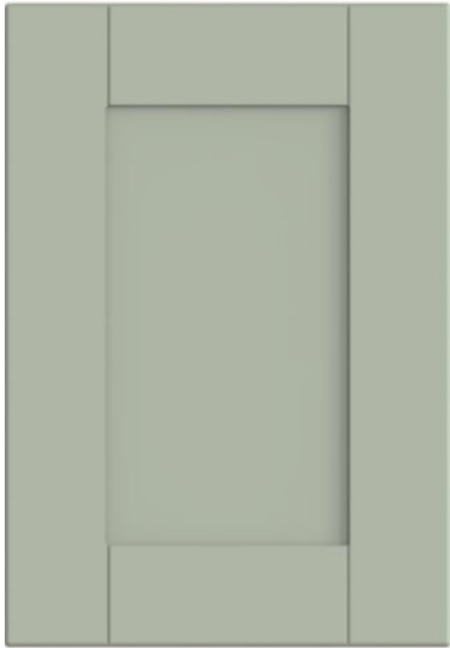


LIGHT WOODEN ELEMENTS

Light wood could be used on furniture cabinets. Light tones of wood are a preferred choice as richer / darker wood grains may overpower such small space. Light wood will pair nice with other light colours (e.g. light sage green)



Cabinets choices



Shaker Style



Traditional

TWO TALL STORAGE CABINETS

Depending on preferences and the range of options available for these custom made cabinets, the doors could be the 'shaker style' which would further reinforce the more traditional looks or could be of a 'slab style' which which give a more modern look.

Even if 'slab style' was chosen, the traditional look can still be achieved using the wall panelling in the drop of area behind the bench, and choosing appropriate accessories in the farmhouse style. Traditional door knobs / handles can be used to further reinforce the style.

The exact arrangement and size of the doors and the number of shelves required can be adjusted as per need.



Modern

Styling & Accessories

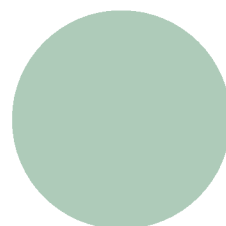
COLOUR PALETTE

Use light duck egg / light sage green in your space to complement with the entrance door and to keep the space light. This colour could be used on cabinet doors, or walls.

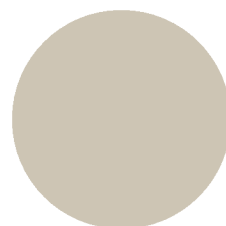
ACCESSORIES

Use decorations from natural materials to give the traditional / shabby chic style. These could be made out of wood, wicker weave, hessian (e.g. a wicker basket)

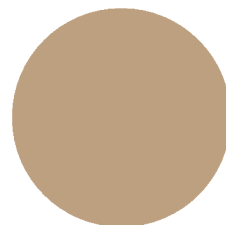
Light green colour can be easily bought in accessories like eucalyptus stem or roller blinds.



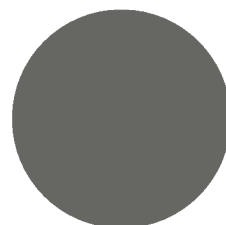
Light Sage Green



Taupe, Cappuccino Grey



Hessian Brown



Warm Grey



HOME

This is our happy place



Next steps

THE BLUEPRINT

Technical Design & Specification

- Space planning and layout exploration
- 2D floorplans with furniture placement and flow
- The Blueprint Mood board with indicative choices for flooring, finishes, and lighting layouts
- Initial concepts for bespoke furniture and built-in features
- Optional measured site survey for accuracy

THE REFINEMENT

Technical Design & Specification

- Confirming colour palette and finish choices
- Wall covering specifications
- Window dressing specifying
- Accessories and styling elements
- Scaled elevation drawings
- Specifying fixtures, furnishings, and fittings
- Bathroom and kitchen design
- Detailed drawings for furnishings and joinery

A Message from our Studio

We hope you enjoyed this part of design journey and we can't wait to work with you on the next steps.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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