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SHELF LIFE

Perfectly pared-back, this Melbourne laundry is a study in smart design. story Jackie Brygel | PHOTOGRAPHY Lillie Thompson

LAUNDRY design notes

JOINERY Laminex in Surf.

DOOR HARDWARE Lounge handles in Polished Brass, Linear Standard.

BENCHTOPS Caesarstone in Pure White.

SINK AFA 'Cubeline' single bowl undermount sink, Reece.

TAPWARE Sussex 'Scala' mixer in Brushed Brass, Reece.

FLOOR TILES Paris Metro Tokyo porcelain tiles, Signorino Tiles.

APPLIANCES Fisher & Paykel fully integrated French-door fridge, Miele washing machine and dryer, and Vintec wine fridge, all E&S.

BUILDER LNX Constructions.

JOINER A&C Handley Custombuilt Furniture. A wealth of clever inclusions by interior architecture practice Studio Tate brings this laundry to purposeful life.

Not least of these is a hidden pull-out drawer shelf, which cleverly eliminates the need for bending to reach a basket.

"Our clients are moving into their later years and we wanted to create a space that would continue to be functional for years to come," says Studio Tate associate designer Liz Ride. "So we raised the washing machine and installed the concealed pull-out drawer."

Another feature is a bespoke drying cupboard that offers the homeowners a hang-drying alternative to the clothes dryer.

"We designed a concealed broom cupboard with a power point for the vacuum cleaner, too," reveals Liz. "And there's an additional fridge-freezer and a wine fridge integrated into the laundry cabinetry to ensure an uncluttered profile."

As for the colour scheme, the classically bright yet minimal palette presents in crisp contrast to the saturated jewel tones that claim the spotlight in the home's living quarters.

"The colours chosen reflect the functional role of this space - fresh, clean and honest," says Liz. "It was an opportunity for us to pare things back, allowing other areas of the home to sing." Studio Tate studiotate.com.au.