

- Cabinetry or open shelves can be used to stash laundry detergent, a hamper to transport clothing to bedrooms, hangers, and an iron.
- A full door or pocket door for privacy to the adjacent kitchen.
- A small sink used to rinse out delicate items or soak clothing that's taken a beating.
- Flooring that can stand up to detergent and water spillage. Smart choices are sheet or solid vinyl, ceramic tile, commercially rated Marmoleum (modern day linoleum), or cork.
- A chair or bench added as a spot to sit while waiting for a load to finish.
- Recessed lighting installed to bring the room to life and, if space is limited, painting it a light, bright color. At the same time, don't hesitate to get bold and use color here.

In one kitchen, a butler's pantry was transformed into a kitchen-cum-laundry room designed by decorator Leslie Markman-Stern. Because the same cabinets were used throughout—anigre and cherry—it's impossible to distinguish the zones, with the kitchen to the left and the laundry to the right. The countertops where laundry can be folded is granite. Three different recessed lights above offer general, task, and accent lighting for different functions.



**Top:** Designer Leslie Markman-Stern put the laundry right in the kitchen, using the same cabinets.