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Rustic beauty

A welcoming space with everything in its place – that was the brief for this busy family laundry.

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LAUNDRY *design notes*

FLOOR TILES Porcelain small hexagon mosaics in White Matte, Industrie Tapware.

JOINERY Slim shaker profile bespoke cabinetry in Porter's Paints Grey Fox.

HARDWARE Round knobs and Twilight Beach handles in Brushed Brass, Igrab.

BENCHTOP Honed Calacatta Luxe, Talostone.

TAPWARE Provincial pullout mixer in Bronze, Marina Isles.

SINK Novi fireclay butler sink in Matte White, Turner Hastings.

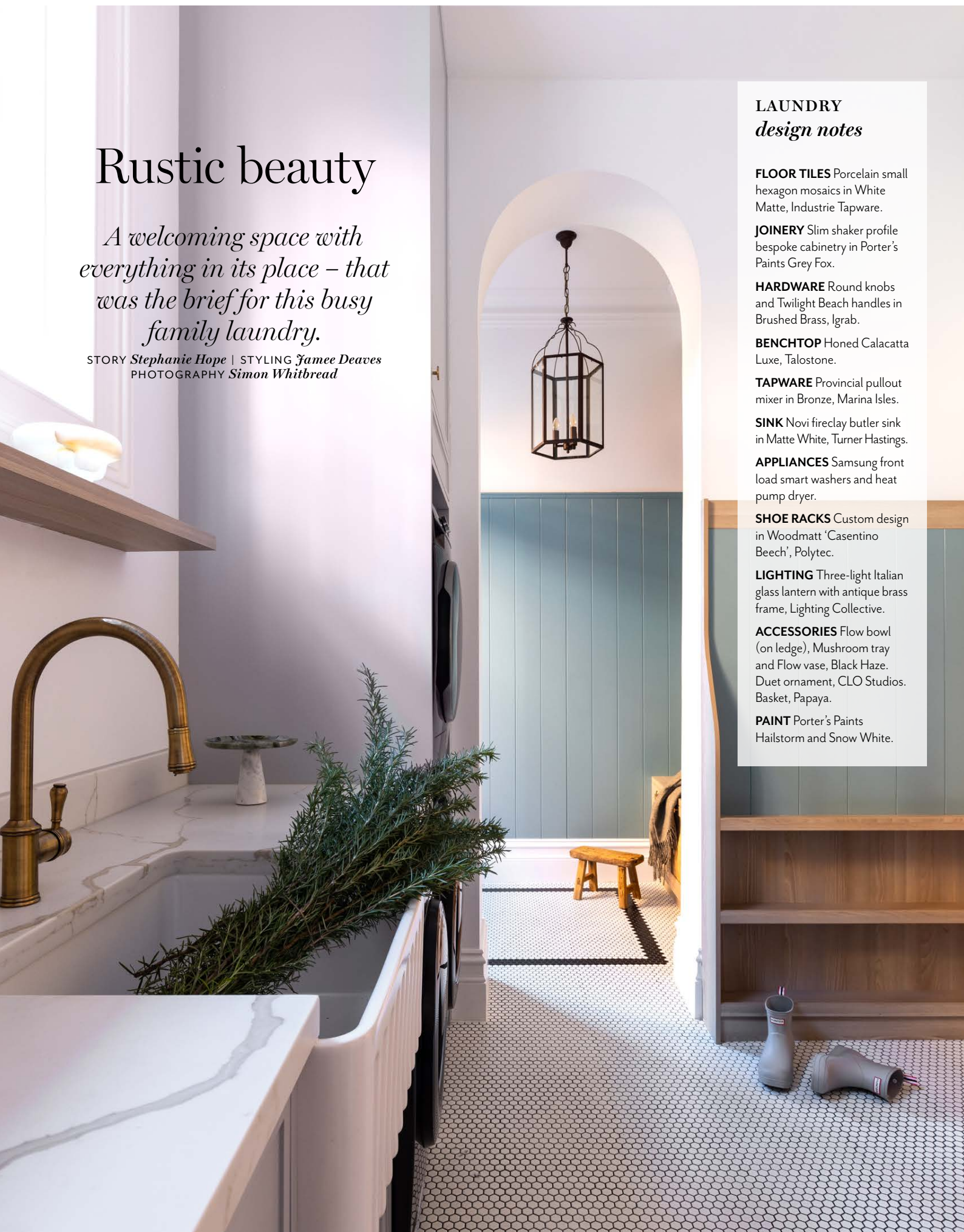
APPLIANCES Samsung front load smart washers and heat pump dryer.

SHOE RACKS Custom design in Woodmatt 'Casentino Beech', Polytec.

LIGHTING Three-light Italian glass lantern with antique brass frame, Lighting Collective.

ACCESSORIES Flow bowl (on ledge), Mushroom tray and Flow vase, Black Haze. Duet ornament, CLO Studios. Basket, Papaya.

PAINT Porter's Paints Hailstorm and Snow White.





A grand old Victorian mansion on Sydney's North Shore received a stylish renovation in a British Colonial style, with the central laundry and mudroom a comforting hive of activity and functionality. Previously a small office, the rejigged space enjoys direct access from the driveway, allowing the family of five who live here to drop their bags and shuck off their shoes before entering the house. It's also linked to the kitchen, and houses multiple appliances so they can stay on top of washing in between meal prep. "As the family's primary entry point, we wanted it to exude immediate warmth and character, a welcome-home hug so to speak," says Erica Georgis, design director at Home By Belle. "We introduced warm, wooden tones and soft greys and greens to the otherwise more monochromatic look of the rest of the home, and included plenty of places to hang bags, leave shoes and store life's necessities."

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What was the brief for this space? To create a beautiful laundry that the owners would enjoy being in. It needed to be more than a utilitarian space, inspired by rustic-looking coastal USA mudrooms and laundries.

Any must-have inclusions? Ample bench space for clothes to be folded, direct access to the outdoors and clothesline, multiple in-drawer hampers for sorting and storing washing and plenty of storage and shelving.

Your top laundry design tips? Always include a hanging rail for delicate items to be hung and dried away from direct sunlight, and also underfloor heating to help dry and heat the air and aid the clothes-drying process.

What do the owners love about this space? The owner is so thankful for the convenience of open shelving, pull out hampers and the glorious 'drop zone' when you walk in the back door. The copious shoes and cleats that they still own and love to wear, and the little details, such as the in-floor