

# Five Tips for a Modern Mudroom Makeover

A well-organized mudroom can reduce clutter near the entryway of your home. For some home owners, a mudroom is an actual built out space to store everything from gloves to sports gear. If you do not have a separate “room” in your home there are still plenty of ways to maximize the storage space near your entryway. A well-designed entryway is also attractive to future home buyers. Keep the area near your home entrance organized and clutter-free with these tips.

**Focus on functionality and space.** Before building out shelves or picking out wall art, think about how you plan to use the space. If you have an entire room, you may opt for more shelving to store household gadgets or hobby supplies. A closet without the door near your entryway can be easily decorated and outfitted with hooks. A wall, not a room, will require an organized system with some items displayed or hidden, based on your preferences.

**Think about your floor before the décor.** This area of your home gets the most foot traffic (and mud!) so you'll need a durable, moisture resistant flooring option. Heavy duty flooring material is your best bet, such as tile or stone. You'll want something that is easy to clean since this space will be dirty often. If upgrading your flooring isn't an option, consider adding a bound area rug that can be switched out quarterly to match your seasonal decor.

**Size up your seating options.** Adding a built-in seating area or bench can be helpful for taking off your shoes. You can also place items or shoes in a tray or cubby underneath a seat. A flip seat can hide items away while making them accessible. Footstools can also serve as a seating option for smaller spaces.

**Get organized.** Storage options are infinite, from hooks to bins to adjustable shelves and lockers. Before adding unique organizing options to your space, take an assessment of what you have. Do you have more hats or sports gear? Maybe you'll opt for more hooks than shelves or vice versa. Smaller items can be easily tucked away in bins and baskets. Once you've taken inventory you'll want to keep the most used items near your door.

**Create a color palate.** Since the mudroom will be the first area you see as you enter your home, you'll want to find a color or pattern that speaks the most to you. If you're adding new wall color, select a paint that is stain resistant or easy to clean.

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