



LAUNDRY

Tossing clothes into laundry and ironing baskets is nothing new, but there are other things you can do with baskets to make washing and ironing a little more organised and much more attractive. With a shift towards using natural products in the home, a basket containing white vinegar, bi-carb soda, soap flakes, scrubbing brushes, eucalyptus oil, plus any commercial products such as a stain remover, will keep laundry staples neat and tidy and close to hand. Creating a basket for ironing is a useful idea, too. Choose a square or rectangular shape with a flat base and carry handle to store your water spray bottle, a lightweight jug for filling the iron, a tea towel for pressing delicate items, a lint remover and some padded coat hangers.

BEDSIDE TABLE

Use baskets in the bedroom to create more storage space or to hide essentials. A lidded basket, such as the chest we've used here, is ideal for keeping magazines, books, tissues, a spare pillow, a hot water bottle, TV remote controls, and other bedroom bits that are necessary for comfort, but can often look like clutter when lying around. As you'll want easy access to the contents, it's best to keep a basket at the foot of your bed or on either side, in place of a bedside table. The latter option works best if there are wall or pendant lights beside the bed for reading. Alternatively, try storing your tissues, reading glasses, bookmarks and the like in a shallow basket you can easily slide under the bed when not in use.

Laundry: Citta Design 'City Villa' towel, \$31.95, from Acland Holdings; hanging votive holder (used to store bi-carb soda), \$25, from Mandalay Flowers; bath mitt, \$35, linen water, \$35, fringed hand towel, \$45, pencil holder, \$20, and sea sponge, 30 cents, all from Cotton Love Home; pegs, \$2.50 (pack of 36), from Hot Dollar; metal scoop (part of laundry set), \$34.95, from Domayne Homewares; Missoni polka dot hand towel, \$32, from Macleay on Manning; basket, \$116, from Perfect Pieces; ironing board, \$250, from Mondo. **Bedside:** Pendant light with anodized fitting, \$95, from Koskela; 'Montego' basket, \$79, from Papaya; '6' cushion, \$169, from Honey Bee Homewares; glasses, \$35, and eye mask, \$38, from Macleay on Manning; 'Zebrano' tissue box, \$29.95, from Domayne Homewares; *Chocolate for a Woman's Soul* by Kay Allenbaugh, \$25, from Kikki.K; votive, \$25, and potted plant, \$20, from Mandalay Flowers; Country Road 'Remy' pillowcase, \$49.95 (pair), 'Line' cushion, \$49.95, and 'Claire' café latte throw, \$149; Bholu 'Lambu' grey throw, \$289.95, from Papaya.

BESIDES THE NOBLE ART OF GETTING THINGS DONE, THERE IS THE NOBLE ART OF LEAVING THINGS UNDONE. THE WISDOM OF LIFE CONSISTS IN THE ELIMINATION OF NON-ESSENTIALS – LIN YUTANG

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Beachside CHIC

Add a dash of Hampton's style to your beach gear this summer with Francesca Newby's sewing projects. Crisp, natural fabrics in a subtle palette are the key to this classic look and can breathe new life into something old, from a slightly battered basket to a much-loved hat.

CRAFT: FRANCESCA NEWBY - PHOTOGRAPHY: SCOTT HAWKINS - STYLING: ALEXIA BIGGS - WALL HOOK, \$57.95; PENDANT LIGHT, \$365; 2' CUSHION, \$169; LINEN CUSHION, \$85; STRIPED CUSHION, \$150; LANTERN, \$299; TOWEL, \$85 & MAT, \$45; ALL FROM HONEY BEE HOMEWARES; CCNSOLE, \$699 & STOOL, \$189; FROM ASSET FURNITURE; DIARY, \$20; ALBUM, \$40 & LARGE BASKET, \$265; ALL FROM POND.