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## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT OUTDOOR KITCHEN



Bob and Deb loved spending time on their deck, but because it was on the south side of their home, it did not have shade in the afternoon or evening. They used a portable canopy for shade for a number of years but decided they'd like a larger, more permanent structure to ward off the heat and rain. Their idea started out as a covered porch, but it snowballed into including a place for the grill, then a sink, and finally cabinets for storage and a granite bar.

Having known Dan and Janet Metzler for many years and admiring the projects

they've been involved with, Bob and Deb contacted Metzler Home Builders to take on their outdoor kitchen renovation.

Kent Mylin worked with Bob and Deb to come up with a plan that included everything they envisioned in their outdoor kitchen area. Choosing materials capable of 100-degree temperature differentials and allowing inevitable moisture to drain out without compromising the integrity of the product, this project is designed and built with sound building science, high-performing water proofing and natural materials.

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Bob and Deb are thrilled with the final product. They love everything about their outdoor kitchen—the design, the vaulted wood ceiling, the drystack stone walls and the cabinets. They are enjoying the convenience of having everything at their fingertips when entertaining family and friends and not having to carry supplies out from the house. And last but not least, the view. They’ve always had an amazing view from their deck, but now having a beautiful, practical space to entertain makes the view that much better!

Looking back on their renovation project, Bob and Deb said, “We enjoyed having

everyone work on our project—from the Metzler crew to the subcontractors. When we left for work each day, it was a relief to know our home was in good hands. Everyone was great to work with, and when a change was made, it was never a problem. The Metzler team came up with great ideas for the small details that made it a first-class project.”

And now that their outdoor living space is complete, they said, “From morning coffee to last call in the evening, we get a tremendous amount of use out of our new space ... and our dogs love to relax out there as well!”



## LAUNDRY HACKS THAT WILL SAVE YOU TIME AND MONEY

- Wash your laundry in cold water.
- Hang your clothes to dry.
- Use dryer balls instead of chemical dryer sheets for freshness and static control.
- DIY Spot Remover – Dab a small amount of baking soda and a few drops of vinegar on the stain before washing.
- Wash your delicates in a mesh laundry bag.
- Use a Fels-Naptha laundry bar as a stain remover.
- Use Shout Color Catchers to keep clothing dye from transferring.
- Always carry a Tide-to-Go pen with you.
- Purchase a laundry sorter to help save you time and prevent laundry color disasters.
- Toss a clean dry towel into the dryer with your wet clothes to speed up the dry time.
- Toss your lint into the compost, or use it to make campfire starters.
- Keep your socks paired in a mesh bag.
- Invest in reusable lint rollers.
- Add vinegar or baking soda to the wash cycle to help brighten your whites.
- Purchase clothes that don't require ironing.
- Add a pool noodle to your drying bar to prevent creases.
- When drying sneakers, place your laces in the dryer door and “hang” them to dry on the door, instead of bouncing around during the cycle.
- Hang clothes immediately after drying to reduce wrinkles.
- Hang clothes in the bathroom during a hot shower. The steam from the shower will help loosen some wrinkles.

Source: [www.savingandsimplicity.com](http://www.savingandsimplicity.com)

# HARDWORKING LAUNDRIES

Like a multitude of other things in our modern society, the history of how mankind has done laundry through the years has been constantly changing and evolving. During medieval times, clothes were washed in the river, and bats and boards were used to beat out the dirt. Fast forward to the 1800's and large wooden washtubs, metal washboards and finally, soap, were being used. The first electric washing machines appeared around 1900, but it wasn't until 1957 that a washing machine was developed with buttons to control wash temperature, rinse temperature, agitation, speed and spin. All this to say, we've come a long way and our ancestors would certainly not recognize our laundries today!

A large number of new homes built today have spacious laundry rooms

with many practical features to tackle the never-ending pile of dirty clothes. Cabinetry for storage, utility sinks and countertops for folding laundry are commonly included. Wall-mounted drying racks and wall-mounted ironing boards are great space-savers since they can be folded up when not in use. Placing dirty laundry in baskets designated for darks or whites makes the job that much easier when it's time to do laundry—the sorting is already done!

Check out these awesome laundry rooms from a few of our recently completed homes. Doing a chore that can sometimes feel like drudgery has to be a lot more pleasant in these beautiful rooms. And it sure beats heading to the river with a heavy laundry basket!



# STRASBURG MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Our crew came together on a very warm Memorial Day to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy here in America. We love being part of the Strasburg community and had a great time participating in the Memorial Day parade!



## CONSTRUCTIVE COMICS

Four construction workers are parched from working under the hot sun all day. They have run out of bottled water and decide to knock on the door of the one house on the block that is finished and occupied. An elderly lady answers the door. They tell their story, and she invited them in, telling them to sit at the kitchen table while she gathers up glasses, ice and cold drinks.

Meanwhile, the guys notice a bowl of peanuts on the center of the table and begin munching away. She returns, and the largest guy blushes and says, "Sorry Ma'am, we got a little carried away and ate all your peanuts while we were waiting."

"Oh, that's quite alright," says the lady. "They are too hard for my weary jaw and teeth anyway. I just like to take my dentures out and suck the chocolate off of them."





This new home, located on a quiet country road with a beautiful view, will be available for occupancy in Fall 2022.

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### FEATURES INCLUDE:

- 1.4 acre lot in Solanco School District
- 1,670 square feet on main floor and 970 finished square feet in basement
- 3 bedrooms/ 2 baths on main floor and 1 bedroom/1 bath in basement
- Spacious great room with a cathedral ceiling and gas fireplace
- Exterior includes a large Azek deck and cedar posts, shutters and gable brackets
- Two-car garage with extra storage space

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