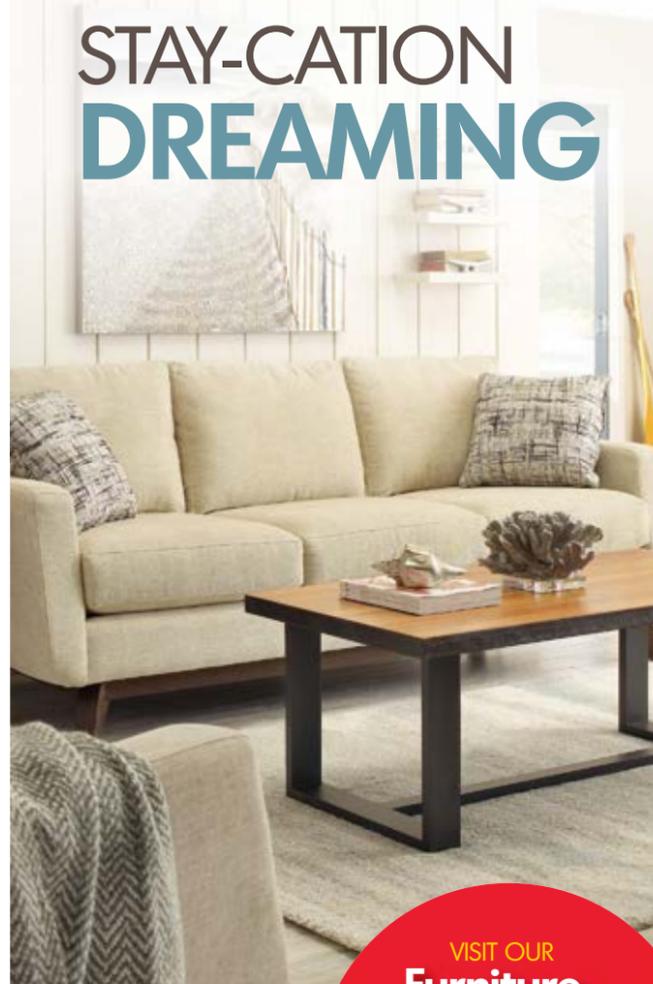




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## editor's note



**I'VE GOT MUDROOM ENVY.** When we first bought our home, we pored over plans, and briefly

considered finding space for a mudroom like the ones we've seen in other homes.

More preoccupied with an upper level laundry room and a staircase that opened to below, it was quickly forgotten. Today, all is changed. What I wouldn't give to take a few feet from the garage or a little space from the kitchen to create a mudroom.

My entry has become the drop zone. Coats get dumped on the bench. Shoes get kicked off and forgotten. I'm constantly tripping over a backpack. If my teens bring home friends, multiply the chaos by a thousand.

Because it's the door we also open to our guests, I'm on top of it each and every day. A cluttered entry is not exactly a warm welcome. At least a mudroom would afford me the option of closing the door and getting to things in my own time.

What I love about mudrooms is that they are a beautiful and functional place to store things. Whether it's a built-in or a stand-alone organizer, there's a place to hang, a place to tuck away, a place to leave wet boots. The possibilities to pretty it up are endless. Oh the nirvana.

My husband Emil says we can't make something out of nothing. I totally disagree. Poor guy. I've been busily pinning tons of ideas. Anything from snagging a few feet of garage space, which already conveniently opens into the kitchen, to nixing the pokey builder's closet in favour of the custom built-in of my dreams. I'm sensing a bright, happy spring coming on.

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