

Maximising Storage in Smaller Homes

As home and land lot sizes shrink to remain affordable, home owners are looking for ways to maximise storage opportunities. According to Elderton Homes, home purchasers need to think about the provision of extra storage when they start the design process.

Greg Hendy, Design Manager for Elderton Homes comments, “Regardless of whether you are designing an entire home, particular room or storage space, the number one rule is the area needs to be functional. Each room has a different purpose and should be designed to maximise space opportunities.

“Robes, linen cupboards and pantries are the most common areas where storage is required. Double hanging rails, a shoe rack, drawers and shelf units are popular accessories in custom designed robe spaces. Walk-in pantries often feature bench space, overhead cupboards, open shelves, wine racks, under bench cupboards, a sink, power points and other kitchen amenities such as cooktops and range hoods. Cabinetry fit-outs in all rooms helps create more efficient spaces.”

“Bedroom furnishings matter. A bed base that has a drawer unit built in as well as bedside tables and dressers create additional space. Vacuum bags to store winter blankets, spare bedding and winter coats help reduce bulk and maximise the storage area. TV units, coffee tables and lounges all have drawer options too and can be useful in media and lounge rooms. Medicine cabinets in the bathroom and ensuite vanities increase functionality.”

“Floor space is limited in small homes. Ensure the full area from floor to ceiling is maximised in all rooms. Everybody’s storage requirements are different depending on their lifestyle and stage of life. It is important to factor in future storage needs in the design phase,” Greg added. “With home sizes continuing to shrink, the space available becomes more valuable. Choose space options carefully to ensure storage needs are met for many decades to come.” The display homes by Elderton Homes feature several storage options to help home owners maximise space.

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