

The Mudroom

The mudroom is perhaps the most used, and abused room in our home. Here is a “before the restoration” picture:



And after:



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This room was designed to withstand a steady stream of muddy feet, wet bathing suits, dogs, cats, and sometimes chickens (when one is ill). Located at the back of the house, off the kitchen, it is a hub of activity. I chose a stone floor, a

blue slate, to withstand the traffic. The diamond sisal rug is from [Ballard Designs](#) and still looks new.

The dutch door leads to the back porch/yard. To the right, there is a broom closet which houses all the cleaning supplies, batteries, light bulbs, vacuum cleaner and tool box.



The kitchen is to the right of the hat rack. Santa hats are still up but will be coming down this weekend.



Below is command central. All the brains/technology to the house are located in the top 3 cabinets. The doors have metal screens for ventilation.

Below there is the gift wrapping area and numerous drawers for miscellaneous items-scissors, tape, glue gun, ribbon pieces,

etc.



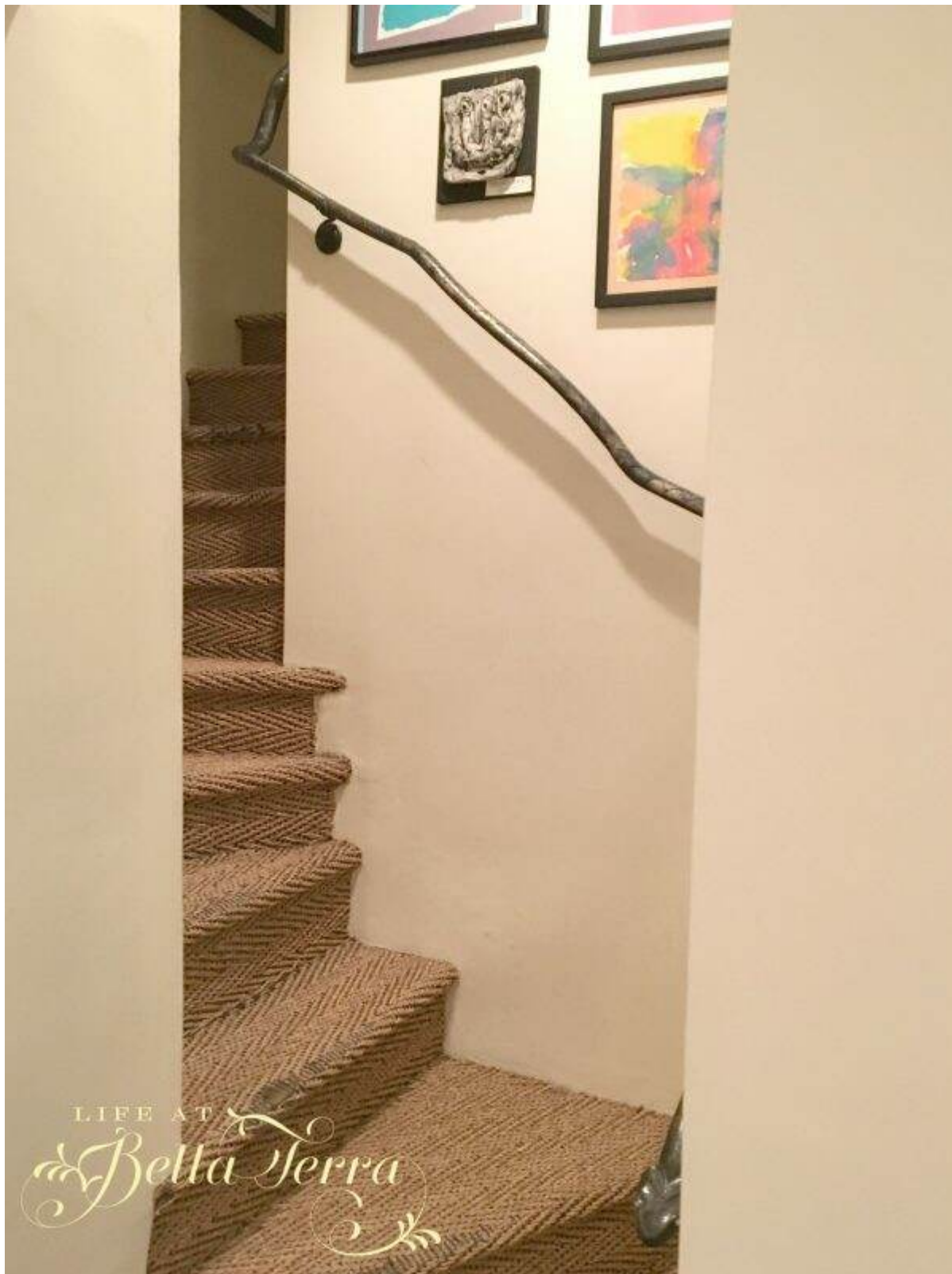
This also serves as the laundry folding area or a place to wrap gifts. The drawer pulls out when needed and provides a nice, large flat work surface.



The narrow upper cabinet is where various rolls of ribbon are stored. Notice the old wall color~~a golden rod (what was I thinking????). I can happily report the entire room has been recently painted white. What a difference!



To the right of command central, is the back staircase. This will be a 2018 project. Since this staircase is used more than the front one, the sisal rug is in need of replacement. It will be my third rug in 15 years..



We had some fun in designing the railing. [Grizzly Iron](#), Inc. in Phoenix made a wrought iron snake that winds it way up the stairs. His rattle is at the end. All the custom iron work at Bella Terra was done by Rodger LaBrash and his company. I highly recommend them.



Behind the pocket door is our “smaller than I would like” laundry room and half bath. A long story for another time.



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I didn't realize before writing this post, but this small room has LOTS of doors-5 in total! The one between the laundry and my workspace is to the library.

Next to the entrance to the library is a wall mounted hidden ironing board, which is convenient to the laundry room.



The long countertop and cabinets make up my office/workspace.





As you can see, I often have helpers...



I hope you had a wonderful holiday season! Any New Year's resolutions you'd like to share???



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