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# CAPTIVATING COLOR

AREA DESIGNERS — AND HOMEOWNERS —  
SHARE INSPIRATIONS FOR SOME OF THEIR  
MOST COLORFUL SPACES, FROM A TEAL  
LAUNDRY ROOM TO A PINK LIBRARY

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## A ROOM WITH A HUE

When Ann Arbor homeowner Cynthia VanRenterghem, shown on next page, first told her interior designer, Laura Zender, also on next page, that she was thinking of trying to work teal into her laundry room space, Zender quickly gave the happy color a nod of approval, even though VanRenterghem thought it might be too bold. From the moment the first brushstroke of paint was applied, the homeowner has been delighted.



# ZEAL FOR Teal

**T**he laundry room, mudroom, and powder room, all located near each other in this new-build modern farmhouse-style home in Ann Arbor, feature saturated teals and pops of yellow. “I really wanted the laundry room to be bright and cheerful — something bold,” says homeowner Cynthia VanRenterghem. When VanRenterghem first shared with her interior designer, Laura Zender, that she was thinking of trying to work teal into the space, Zender quickly gave the happy color a nod of approval, even though VanRenterghem thought it “might be too crazy,” Zender recalls. “But Cynthia loves color,” adds Zender, who opened her design business in 2005. For this home, she and the homeowner collaborated on creating plenty of spirited hues for the busy family, which includes VanRenterghem’s husband and their four kids, along with a dog and two cats. “Everyone who worked on it said what a great combination of colors (it was),” VanRenterghem recalls of the teal and complementary yellows here and in the powder room. “I wanted to move away from the dark floors I had before, too.” Adds Zender: “My client had a clear vision, and (she) had a lot of input (as far as) the overall design of the entire home.” [laurazenderdesign.com](http://laurazenderdesign.com)



LAURA ZENDER



**STYLE FILE** Powder room wallpaper: Thibaut’s Bribie. Slate flooring in powder room and laundry room: Beaver Tile and Stone, Troy. Custom-made colors on laundry room cabinetry inspired by allen + roth’s Swizzle Stick on lower cabinets (the teal color) and Benjamin Moore’s Swiss Coffee (OC-45) on upper cabinets. Laundry room countertops: White quartz. Custom reclaimed wood vanity in powder room and custom cabinets in laundry room; Young Cabinetry, Saline. Farmhouse sink: craigslist.

