

# RETROFIT

**WHO:** Reena Sotropa, Corea Sotropa Interior Design

**WHAT:** How to inject a healthy dose of luxury in the often-overlooked laundry room.

## Go Light and Bright.

We tend to design laundry rooms as spa-like spaces — bright with lots of light-coloured materials. We often use white marble for the backsplash and floor but get more bulletproof with products such as Caesarstone and quartzite for countertops that can stand up to detergent.

**Sotropa's favourite white paints for light-and-bright laundry rooms:**

**Decorator's White** by Benjamin Moore  
A tried-and-true white that goes with any decor.

**Oxford White** by Benjamin Moore  
A clean white perfect for larger spaces with wood floors or trim.

**Paper White** by Benjamin Moore  
A darker greyish white that looks great against marble and porcelain.



*Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT) flooring looks like the real thing, but it's more practical than wood in a basement setting.*

# RENOVATION

**WHO:** LeAnne Bunnell, LeAnne Bunnell Interiors

**WHAT:** Bunnell says when it comes to basement renovations, people want to keep things multi-generational and multi-purpose.


Here are her top five tips on how to take your basement from dated to deluxe.

**1. Multi-generational bars.** Basement bars work for adults, but they also work for children and young adults. We'll include popcorn makers, slushie-makers, ice cream machines, espresso-makers and coffee machines.

**2. Aging in place.** We've seen elevators being framed-in for future use for people who want to age in place. They're being considered at the planning and design stage.

**3. Luxe lighting.** A lot of people are doing lighting installations that run the full three storeys of a house. You'd expect to see something like that in a hotel, but we're seeing it in basements.

**4. Fabulous floors.** We use Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT) and we love it because it can be installed in unconventional ways to create really unusual looks in the basement.

**5. Maximize height.** Get height through exposing the ceiling. Exposing joists and electrical is a very specific look and creates an industrial vibe. 



*Multi-generational bars have something for everyone.*

