

# Create a warm and spacious welcome

*How to make your entrance hallway neat and clutter free*

*Your hallway gives the first impression of your home, but it's also the place where the family's coats, boots and bags pile up.*

\* Make a serene first impression by putting messy coatstands elsewhere. 'The front door area often gets missed out in terms of design, but if it's beautiful, the family will be less likely to leave their dirty boots there,' says Zoë Brewer of My Interior Stylist.

\* Provide calm in the chaos of family life by establishing a spot for keys and letters. Try the Lined wall letter holder, £65, from Graham and Green – just make sure any key storage is far away from the front door so that thieves can't reach your keys with wires put through the letterbox.

\* Expand the sense of space in a narrow hallway by using mirrors cleverly. A wall-mounted mirror will make the space seem wider, while mirrored console tables help reflect space and light. As mirrored surfaces will also reflect any clutter, choose a table with drawers to keep letters and keys out of sight. Try Laura Ashley's Charleston console with two mirrored drawers, £262.50.

\* What a hallway lacks in floor area it can make up for in wall space so use this to display framed photos and favourite artwork. **HB**



Keep keys and post stylishly tidy. Lined wall letter holder, £65, Graham and Green

## *Reader's storage solution*

'It's not conventional but we fitted a heated towel rail beside our front door. It helps to dry damp scarves and gloves in the winter and it gets them all toasty and warm before we leave the house'

**Rebecca Moran, Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire**