

# Problem: Hallway mess

Kicked-off shoes, piles of junk mail... there is a solution!

❧ **GO MULTIFUNCTIONAL** In narrow spaces, furniture needs to earn its keep. A bench-cum-shoe cupboard will give you lots of storage as well as a place to sit and put your shoes on. A peg rail with a shelf above (see right) is ideal for holding coats, hats, and more.

❧ **BE VERSATILE** Narrow shoe cabinets with drop-down drawers can be used for all sorts of other hallway clutter, from scarves and bags to hats and gloves.

❧ **INVEST IN A CONSOLE** with a handy shelf underneath. Arrange a row of baskets or canvas bins on the shelf – they'll be invaluable for hats, scarves, gloves, brollies, shopping bags and other things you want to grab before you go.

**RIGHT** Double storage bench, from £110 unpainted; double storage peg rack, from £80 unpainted; both The Dormy House



**LEFT** Put wall space to good use by fixing up a small unit for post and keys – try this one from Dotcomgiftshop, £34.95, or put up a rail with a peg labelled for each family member