One trailing plant above a laundry cabinet

Vent and cabinet-door clearance card • Free, no signup or purchase.

Place one faux trailing eucalyptus on top of or above a laundry cabinet so the cabinet doors, the dryer vent and appliance controls all stay clear. Use the card to record door swing, vent position and the actual plant size before placing it.

What you need

• One small faux trailing plant you already own, or an optional potted eucalyptus; measure the actual pot and stems
• A level, stable cabinet top or shelf that is not on a washer or dryer; use separate supports if needed
• Tape measure and the free vent and cabinet-door clearance card (PDF)

Steps

1. Map doors, vents and controls

Open each cabinet door fully and measure how far it swings out and how high its top edge reaches. Locate the dryer exhaust duct and vent, appliance controls, hot surfaces and water connections. Record them on page 2 of the card.

2. Check the plant's size against the space

Measure the depth of the cabinet top or shelf, the space below, and the actual plant and stem drop. Compare them so stems will not hang across a door, vent or control. Check the selected option and current total before buying anything.

3. Place it on a stable support

Secure the plant according to the support instructions. Set the pot back from the front edge on a level, stable surface, not on a vibrating appliance. Use a separate support only if it suits your wall and the load. Keep foliage out of the dryer exhaust path and away from heat and water connections.

4. Recheck on laundry day

Open every door and run through your usual routine. Check that no stem has drifted into a door gap, vent or control, and that you can still reach the lint filter. Clean lint as your dryer's instructions direct; the U.S. Fire Administration lists failure to clean as the leading factor in home clothes dryer fires from 2018 to 2020.

Tips

• Artificial foliage is decorative. Use separate suitable supports and fixings where needed, rated for the actual surface and load. Keep small parts, cords and vines away from children and pets, and keep access, ventilation and heat clear. Never use an open flame near foliage.
• The free printable is available without signup or purchase. Optional Amazon links are affiliate links.
• If the stems would hang over the door gap, turn the pot so they trail to the side wall, or coil the excess behind the pot.

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Source: U.S. Fire Administration: Appliance and electrical fire safety: https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/home-fires/prevent-fires/appliance-and-electrical/

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Cabinet door width and how far it swings out

Cabinet top height and space above it

Depth of the cabinet top or shelf

Dryer exhaust duct and vent position (keep clear)

Controls, hot surfaces and water connections (keep clear)

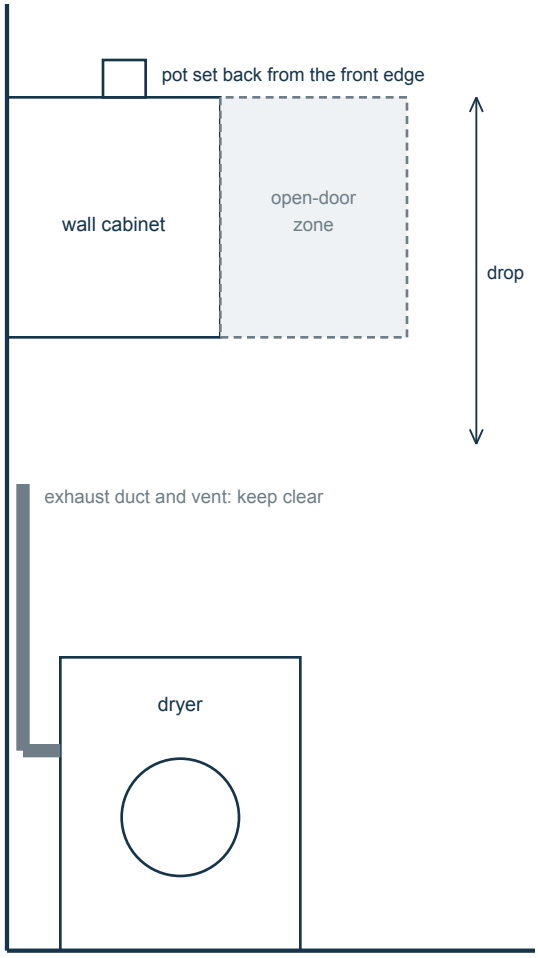
Actual plant size: pot height and width, and stem drop

Where the stems hang and what is below them

Before you finish

- [ ] Every cabinet door opens fully without touching a stem
- [ ] No foliage is in the dryer exhaust path or near a hot surface
- [ ] The pot sits back from the edge on a level, stable surface
- [ ] The lint filter and appliance controls are as easy to reach as before

Side view (not to scale)



Stems must not hang into the open-door zone, the vent or the controls. Measure the drop from the cabinet top before placing the plant.