

WHAT'S HOT NOW?

OUR PICK OF THE TOP SIX LOOKS FOR POWDER ROOMS.

1 MIXING TEXTURES Pair an industrial concrete countertop with richly stained hardwood or team a marble top with a polished-cement floor.

2 TABLE-MOUNTED SINKS When positioned on top of the counter, porcelain and glass sinks become sculpture.

3 WALL-MOUNTED FAUCETS Not only are they design worthy, they create a Zen-like waterfall effect.

4 RICH MATERIALS Finishes include marble, granite and stainless steel.

5 WALLPAPER Bold florals, vibrant stripes and textured papers are it.

6 FUNKY COLOUR Consider daring shades like oxblood red, glossy black, electric blue and apple green.



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"Most people aren't willing to go crazy in other parts of the house, but they'll be more likely to choose a bold wallpaper or vibrant paint colour for the powder room," says interior designer Steven Southgate.

To create an elegant atmosphere that echoed the traditional look found in the rest of the house, Steven chose a bold floral-pattern wallpaper, wicker shades for the wall sconces, a chestnut-colour wood vanity and a mirror with a complementary oval shape. "Everyone uses the powder room," he says. "It should be a statement about your style."

◁ THE ART OF ELEGANCE

"Powder rooms are meant to be beautiful and make a statement, too," says architect Lorne Rose of his traditionally designed and decorated space. "Because they're so small, you can be more luxurious with built-in vanities, light fixtures and finishes like marble and wallpaper." Creating an elegant space that wasn't overcrowded with large pieces was also a priority. "When we moved in, there was no vanity in the powder room," Lorne says. "I shopped around until I found one that fit perfectly."



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