

Powder rooms – also called half baths – are frequently treated as an afterthought when decorating a home. If you've gone down that rabbit hole, now's the time to change your thinking. Because it is the smallest room in a house, a powder room is the perfect place to go a little wild, maybe a bit out of your comfort zone.

THINK PERSONALITY

Powder rooms are primarily used by guests, so they offer an opportunity to make an impression while showing off your personal style. You can have a lot of fun when decorating this gem of a room. Do you love color – or specifically one color? Use a strong, saturated tone of it, either in paint or wallpaper, or both. Is a certain style just right for you...elegant, farmhouse, vintage, contemporary? You can almost go over the top in a small space to showcase accessories you love that might not fit elsewhere in your home.

MAKE A STATEMENT

Because it's a small room, a powder room offers a great opportunity to splurge. Bold, high-end wallpaper won't break the bank. Unique light fixtures can create just the mood you're looking for. An awesome sink made from an unusual material, like hammered nickel, makes a statement. Add artwork that complements - or boldly is in juxtaposition to - the color and style of the space. Even the floor can enhance the look you're going for...it doesn't need to be the same material as the flooring outside its walls.

SENSORY APPEAL

Adding sensory details makes a difference! Think luxuriously soft and silky hand towels, perhaps tastefully rolled and artfully arranged. Fresh flowers (or fabulous imitation ones) in an interesting container make a room look "finished." Add a lovely diffuser with a scent that mimics the décor. Soaps and lotions nestled in an eye-catching container are a thoughtful addition.

Hopefully you've gotten some inspiration on this page to have fun with your own powder room décor and finishes. Go forth boldly!



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