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*Dear Mom,
Thank You!*

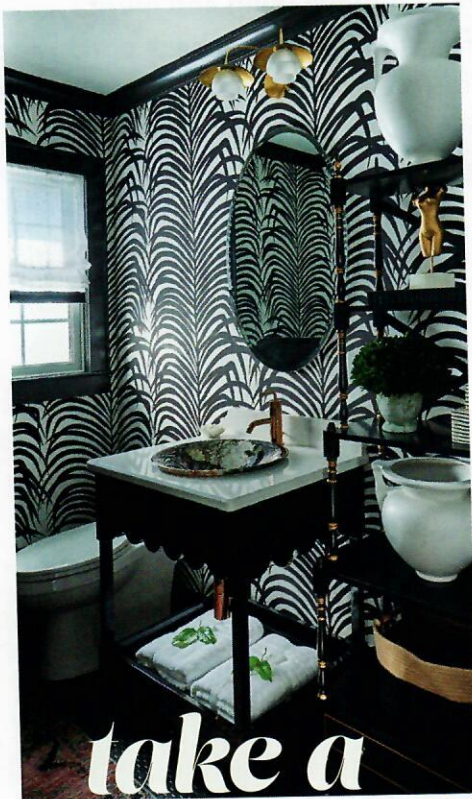
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POWDER

HERE ARE MY SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PERFECT POWDER ROOM:

Wallpaper: I have mentioned many times in this series how much I love wallpaper. Wallpaper in a powder room is the best! Big punch in a small space.

Tile: You may use tile to add the same punch as wallpaper, just be bold with it.

Paint: Anything goes! Just make sure if it is dark paint, it has some life to it. A lacquer shine is always fun.

The lighting: This is the jewelry. Do not go for your run-of-the-mill bathroom fixture. This is where you can have fun with the finish or style.

Storage: Plan a pretty, hidden space for toilet paper.

The ceiling: Do not forget the ceiling. A small space with a small surprise is perfection. Wallpaper or paint, just don't use the "everywhere, overdone white."

The sink: This is the only spot that I am likely to suggest a vessel sink. In heavy-use areas they are tough to clean around, but for a powder room they add a layer of texture and interest.



The faucet: I prefer a single control over one with both hot and cold knobs. But both are lovely. Just make sure to consider splash when determining the look you want.

NO, I DON'T MEAN LEAVE, BUT I MIGHT mean hide out! I love powder rooms. They can be a quick hide-out in the middle of a party, or they can be a place to fix your makeup. What they should be is fabulous, magical, fun!

The powder room dates to the 1700s and originally only appeared in wealthy estates. Their main purpose was to provide a place to powder one's wig and nose, hence the name powder room. (The Spruce) Now they are simply a bathroom without the full bath experience.

I especially like to design bathrooms as they are a chance to really show personality without a huge commitment. They can be beautiful, quirky, and colorful or they can be done with a theme the family holds dear. Such as the one we did based on Broadway as a nod to the family business. In another home, we did one powder room with their Shelby Cobra as the theme for the "his" powder room and pure glamour for the "her" powder room.

Accessories: Add a tray for the back of the toilet, a garden seat for extra towels, a beautiful trash can and even a pretty rug.

The toilet: If you are changing out the toilet, choose a one-piece toilet as they look cleaner and are simpler to maintain. You may also want a toilet with an apron base. All lending to a clean, crisp silhouette.

The flooring: You may run the hardwoods that you have in the rest of the home into the powder room for a cohesive look. You may also pick out a quirky fun tile that works with the rest of your design. I lean towards keeping it hardwood for easier long-term changes.

Make this the space everyone goes in at the party and they'll be dragging their friends in to see it! 🍷

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