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## Make your powder room "pop"



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The powder room is one of my favourite rooms to decorate. I always encourage my clients to push their style boundaries in this space.

The powder room is small, and not immediately open to the rest of your home, affording you the perfect opportunity to experiment with a bold new hue, a trendy finish or something utterly luxurious.

Here are three ways to take your style to the next level — on a smaller, more digestible scale.

## Finish it right

Your finishes bring the "extra" to the space. Chrome is the traditional choice for faucets and fixtures. And while it certainly has its place in virtually interior, it's not your only option.

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have been popping up in small but punchy doses in modern powder rooms.

Then there's gold, which always garners oohs and aahs—the perfect reaction to a thoughtful and bold bathroom design. If you want something a little less Zsa Zsa, stainless steel is contemporary yet classic, and a chic alternative to predictable chrome.

## **Use colour**

A standard powder room might measure approximately 25 sq. ft. — all in all, not a huge space. Have you ever wanted to try wallpaper, but are afraid to finish your living areas? Hello, powder room!

This applies to materials and colours alike. Whether your space will be tiled, wall-papered or painted, a dramatic blue, deep green or regal purple are unexpected and arresting options.

## Light it up

As a stylist, one of the first things I look at is lighting. First things first, rid your home of the builder-grade light fixtures and get something a little... nicer. If your powder room has high ceilings, consider yourself blessed! This is the ideal place to wow visitors with a chandelier dangling overhead. If ceiling height isn't quite as lofty, consider sconces or vanity lighting that's unique and speaks to you.

The powder room is the perfect place to let your interior stylist sing. Its smaller size also means it will cost less to finish with your desired choices.

So go ahead, get creative check out well stocked shops packed with inspirations. One great shop in the city is SS Tile & Stone. They not only have great selections but help you find the perfect powder room tile.

Take a look at the glass mosaic tiles. Every time you walk by, you'll get a glimpse of something you really love.

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