

# POWDER ROOMS

**T**he powder room is an essential space in the homes of the well-heeled. Known as “half baths” or better described as “no baths”, it is much more than a third or fourth bathroom for the family to use. It is often the smallest room in the house, usually containing only a sink and toilet and specially meant to be used by guests.

The term “powder room” dates back to the early 18<sup>th</sup> century when it was often referred to as a closet sized room where people went to have their wigs re-powdered. Ladies of that era, a time when any reference to personal bodily functions spoken in public were considered indelicate, would excuse themselves from mixed company to go to these “powder rooms”.

These days, the objective of the powder room is to be a welcome place for the guest. It is a place where any visitors of the home can unwind, spend time, and experience a bit of pampering. For this reason, the powder room should easily be accessible to the visitors. It is usually located near the entertaining area in the home like the lounge, dining room, kitchen, and the outdoor patio or on the first level of the house or tucked underneath the stairway. This kind of arrangement allows guests to use the facilities without having to trespass in the homeowner’s private cozy nook.

The powder room is a small space that wants a big voice to express drama and excitement. Everything from the floor, walls to the toilet, faucet and furniture have to be attractive and glamorous. Therefore, the small, cramped place, with limited design options has to be a stylish sanctuary to create a lasting impression with guests. The trick is to blend a bathroom design that appeals to one with the needs of the guests or simply see how the restrooms at 5-stars hotels or restaurants are decorated to get some stylish ideas

Since powder rooms are small, it can be made to look larger by painting vertical stripes of alternating pastel and vibrant colours or just keeping it simply white, the ever-popular choice for a clean and spacious look. For a much more easier maintenance, one can also choose to tile the wall and floors with soft neutral hues, keeping to light and pastel colours like mint green, turquoise or pink or with stone coloured glazed tiles.

To make it more interesting, home owners can also create a new and exciting environment at night with Lucedentro’s Photoluminescent ceramic mosaic tiles. The photoluminescence tiles has the ability to naturally absorb solar or electric light, and therefore when the lights



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