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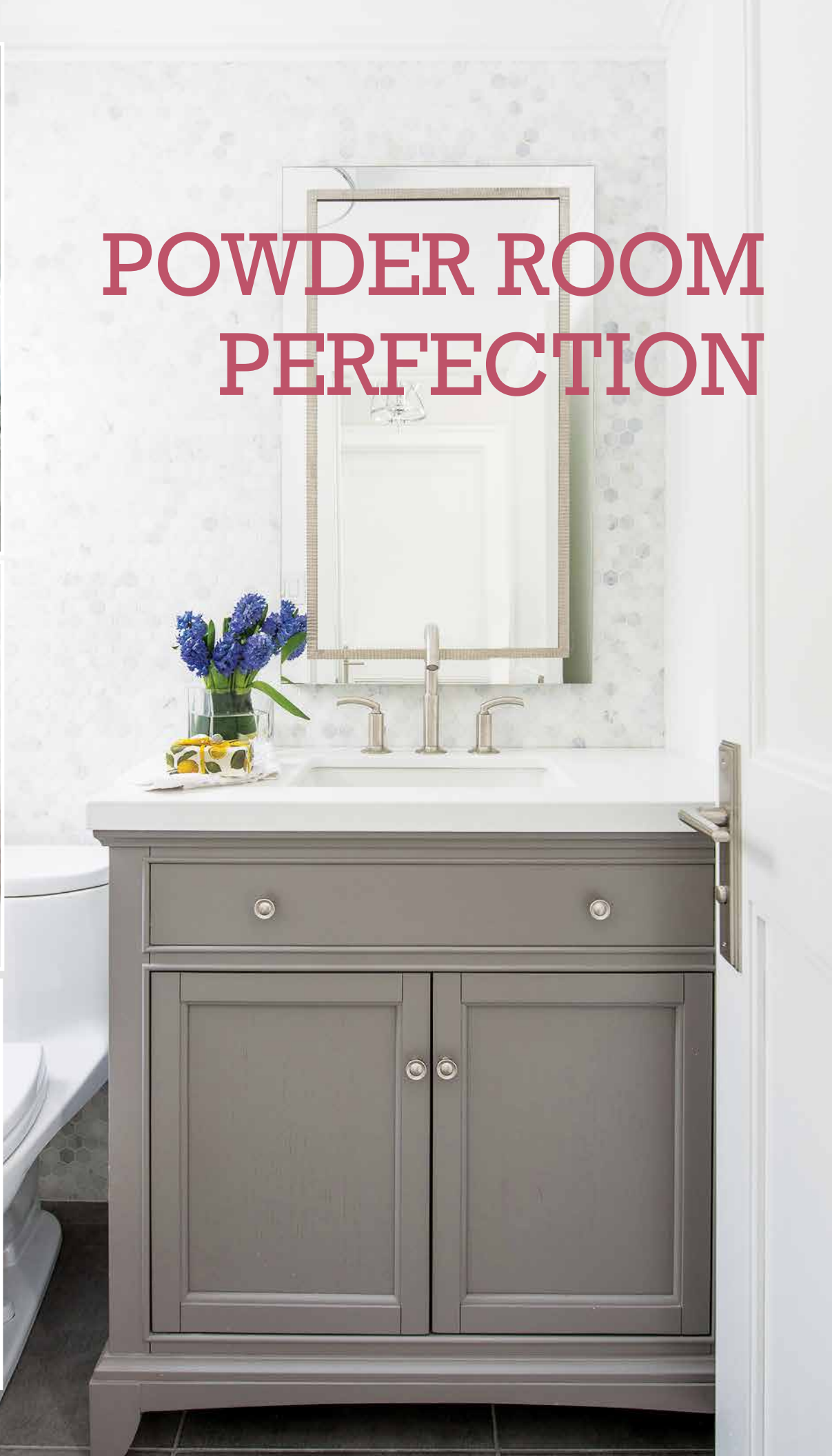


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POWDER ROOM PERFECTION





Once you walk into a room and close the door behind you, it would be nice to enter into a welcoming and expressive space. Creating a room with limitless boundaries can sound liberating. As an experienced designer, I can confirm first-hand that the bathroom can be an oasis of its own without having to flow with the rest of the house or be tied down to any particular colour scheme.

Your bathroom can be your "statement" room! Behind the closed door of the small space lies an opportunity for drama, interest and personal expression. Some of my easy essentials to a great and updated bath space include great lighting, a touch of colour, interesting accessories and a giant mirror.

When looking to create a bold statement, consider working with accent tiles and incorporating a fabulous colourful patterned wallpaper from a company like Farrow &

Ball. Often, one or a combination of these items can become the dominant feature in the room. If you are trying to update your builder basic bathroom on a budget, replacing your vanity and toilet is likely out of the question; hence, using a bold wall application will help draw the eye away from your standard fixtures.

If you are on a budget there are a few ways to update your ordinary plumbing fixtures. For instance, consider replacing your vanity faucet since this is an item that is utilized during every bathroom visit. A sturdy and substantial faucet is key to creating a luxurious feel. You can even introduce a new finish such as the ever popular brass or matte black. Swapping your flat builder's mirrors and 80's style sconce lights for a sleek framed mirror and a trendy light fixture will also give your basic bathroom a high end look.

If looking to invest a little more than average in your powder room, replacing your vanity and toilet can transform the bathroom into a truly luxurious space. Sleek toilets from Kohler are some of my favourites! A marble countertop and a custom vanity with a painted finish or made of exotic wood will provide ample storage space and will be practical while keeping the style lavish and classic.

Accessories are "all the hype," it is all about the finishing touches and decorative ele-

ments. Introduce beautiful soaps, a vivid bouquet of flowers and some personalized towels to make a grander statement.

MY DESIGNER TIPS:

1 If you are using a dark paint colour or wallpaper, paint the ceiling in the same tone! A bright ceiling in an intimate bathroom can kill the mood.

2 Stay organized and minimize the clutter, the bathroom should be clean, neat and free of clutter – find a spot for everything, install a towel rack if needed. The goal for your bathroom is to feel like you have just entered a high end hotel bathroom.

3 Do not forget some art; after all, it is a perfect opportunity to appreciate a work of art in small quarters.

4 Let your lighting make a magnificent statement – a pair of beautiful sconces or a dramatic chandelier will help complete the grand look. Check out Royal Lighting in the Toronto area for great selections.

5 For smaller bathrooms, skip the shower curtain as it cuts your bathroom in half. Rather, invest in a glass sliding door instead; these frameless tub enclosure look sleek and will make your bathroom feel much larger.



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