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# Peachy *Keen*

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Get the look of this chic powder room by combining bright colors and a bold pattern with sophisticated finishes.

**W**HEN CONSIDERING THE NEEDS OF HER adventurous longtime clients, Jean Alan of Alan Design Studio decided bold was the way to go. This bathroom was part of the original maid's quarters in the homeowners' 1920s Northshore Tudor, and was part of a kitchen and family-room redesign. "The clients wanted a classic white kitchen, which determined the color palette for the rest of the project," Jean says. "We used soft gray-blue as a backdrop for the kitchen, and I thought the powder room needed a jolt of orange to liven up the space." By taking chances with color and pattern, and using elegant details, Jean created a room that the owners would never want to leave.

## — get the look —

- **Be bold with color.** "Powder rooms present you with a unique opportunity to take chances that you wouldn't take in more important rooms in the home," Jean says. The room's wallpaper was custom-colored by Flavor Paper in a tangy peach-orange hue. "Be unabashed in the use of color and materials," she says.
- **Let form follow function.** A sparse pedestal sink allows for a streamlined design; wall storage was added for priming tools. "The general thought process when designing a vanity is to make it large enough to be useful," Jean says. Aim for at least 24 inches in order to have an integrated sink and faucet, she says.
- **Play with pattern.** The wallpaper in this powder room adds a fun feel to the otherwise elegant design. "The thing I love most about this wallpaper is that at first glance it looks like a classic damask pattern. However, when you look closely, you'll notice the intensely urban imagery: pigeons, fire hydrants and parking meters," Jean says.
- **Add a touch of elegance.** Pearled backsplash, sparkling chrome hardware and a curvy mirror with etched detailing makes this powder room delicate and sophisticated. "We always use sconces," Jean says of the romantic lighting. However, she advises to also add overhead lighting for ultimate function.

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