







A Jewelbox of a bathroom

Deborah Martin Designs creates opulence in Belle Terre powder room.

Small spaces afford clients the opportunity to splurge on materials and finishes that would otherwise prove too costly in a larger room. Due to the smaller footage, spending more for dramatic impact can be legitimized in a project budget. This is typically the case in powder rooms, and this Belle Terre "salle de bain" is no exception. Nevertheless, deciding what to splurge on can be challenging.

Part of a multi-room renovation, the powder room was created in what was formerly the laundry room. The client prioritized maintenance-free materials for the powder room serving not just a busy family of seven but also frequent extended family and friends. A stunning but carefree porcelain mosaic was sourced as floor tile. Although marble mosaic choices are abundant, porcelain mosaics are much harder to find. Quartzite was an opulent but worry-free choice for the vanity countertop.

Far from the standard white cabinet, a wall-hung vanity was customized in a warm neutral finish and features a mirrored door design. The wall-hung design affords additional floor space as well as an uninterrupted appreciation of the mosaic tile floor. Glass bead wallcovering was a justifiable splurge on the vanity walls and pairs beautifully with textured wall-covering on opposite walls.

The large-scale pattern fabric selected for the custom Roman shade was another worthy indulgence. The abstract pattern on the window shade is repeated in sumptuously matted and framed art featuring cool finish metal filigree leaves. Couture polished chrome and Lucite lighting contribute to the bathroom's sublime opulence and create beautiful shadows on the high ceiling. The custom oversize mother of pearl mirror adds an organic element and reflects all the luxe finishes in the powder room.

Design details become more important in small space renovations and sourcing exquisite finishes becomes paramount. Luxurious design is ultimately the ability to create exclusivity, authenticity and functionality. A detail-oriented, craft-centric process resulted in a powder room that features carefree finishes and is at once functional and elegantly chic.

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