



*Cy-Fair's Beautiful...*

# DREAM BATHROOMS

From Cozy Powder Rooms to  
Glorious Master Baths *by Kara Wetmore French*

Some Cy-Fair homeowners prefer a modern, sophisticated bathroom design



Grab your hammer, nails, and paint and let's head into the powder room. No longer the domain of primping princesses, today's powder rooms offer a little something for everyone. From a hot jungle theme to the scenic views of a Tuscan villa, anyone can create a space that will make your neighbors green with envy.

### Set Your Budget

Powder rooms offer a great starting point for anyone who's thinking about doing some redecorating in their home. The project can be made more manageable by looking at your budget and how you want to spend it. Do you really need that granite countertop, or could you be happy with a stylish laminate? "Whenever I first meet with clients, the first thing I ask them is how much they are willing to spend. Whether its \$200 or \$2,000, you are not going to be

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happy with a project that's dramatically over your budget," says Interior Designer Breigh Redding. "Having a plan and knowing what's important to you are the key elements of any successful decoration project." Doing your homework on pricing is another way to keep yourself within budget. Shop around on the internet and at various stores for the best deals on flooring, countertops, and more.

### Find Your Cy-Fair Style

Once you have the budget in mind, the sky's the limit. Do you want a relaxed powder room with a comfortable ambiance, or do you want something that's really snazzy? "It's all about quality not quantity. Some people go BIG STORE overload on cute things when you can get one or two great things," says Cypress home stylist Claudia Briggs. Look at the small things. Knobs, towel racks, blinds - everything you add can evoke a certain ambiance about the room. Want to make the room look bigger? Hide old wallpaper? Think color - lots and lots of color. It starts with the first impression. Briggs advises, "Get rid of old wallpaper, dingy paint, and out of date floors. It takes very little to make a small space POP"

Painting and textures are very hot this year for a modern powder room look. There are many different styles to choose from, from the simple traditional painting, to something much more complex, like gold leaf or stencil design. Keep in mind, your space is small, so color will pack quite a punch. Darker and richer colors might look good in the paint can, but on your wall, they might make the space seem smaller.

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The old world look of this bathroom is achieved through rugged iron accents and textured tile



Many Cy-Fairians install unusual sinks and fixtures to add flair to the bathroom

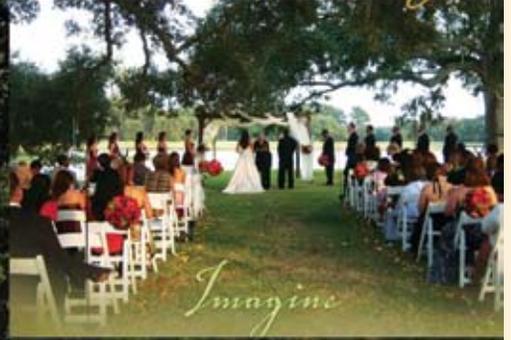
This spacious master bath's architecture makes the luxurious spa tub the focal point



Some homeowners prefer the simple, clean feel of a spa-like bathroom



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This powder room welcomes guests with a glass vanity and a blue glass sink



These bathroom windows offer a relaxing view while bringing the outdoors in

## Finishing Touches

Every powder room needs accessories, and there are some great ones to add some snazz to your sink. Look for wrought iron faucets and other stylish accessories to add major finishing touches. Briggs suggests, "Set the scene with candles, or a great glass infused bottle of perfume scent. This will make your new powder room look and smell awesome." Another tip comes from Redding, "The use of the mirror in the powder room is one of the best ways to tie all your pieces together. Look for something that won't overpower the space, but will bring together everything from the fingertip towels to the toilet."

## Be Environmentally Friendly

And while we are talking toilets, here's one thing to keep in mind. The toilets of today offer you many ways to be earth friendly and use less water. You never knew that redoing your powder room could benefit the environment, did you? Look for sleek modern styles that offer water savings and quiet flushing abilities. Everybody likes a quiet potty!

## The 'Bottom' Line

Whether you elect to decorate yourself, or let the potty decorating professionals handle the job, remember this: A powder room is not just for powdering your nose anymore. It can be a fast, easy way to give your home a special makeover that makes a statement. Now you have to decide, leopard print or green polka dots? **CFM**

*KARA WETMORE FRENCH is in the process of redecorating her powder room and expects to be done around 2011.*



A monochromatic white color scheme is preferred by some Cy-Fair homeowners



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