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DECORATE FEARLESSLY!

Using **WHIMSY**, **CONFIDENCE**, and a Dash of
SURPRISE to Create Deeply Personal Spaces

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A BATHROOM SHOULD BE so much more than a sum of its parts.

The downstairs guest bathroom—which impromptu visitors, weekend guests, in-laws and repairmen constantly duck in and out of throughout

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the year—gets more views than almost any other room of the house besides

the kitchen. So why make it ordinary? Nothing makes my heart sink like attending a fabulous dinner in a fabulous house and going to freshen my lipstick in a place that feels generic. If anything, here is a place to go for it!

Tuck away that tired tissue box and towel rack. Add instead that wallpaper you've always wanted or a glossy coat of black paint. That crazy shell mirror you craved but feared was overkill in the bedroom . . . not in the bathroom!

Scared? Lean on Randolph Martz's design on page 189 as your style crutch.

See how far humor, glamour, and color will get you in this not-to-be-forgotten space.

*I*t's rare to find a bathroom that's both feminine and masculine, but London fashion editor Kim Hersov strikes just the right pose, thanks to the juxtaposition of a ladylike light fixture with the dark hues of the tub, a mantel that is original to the mid-nineteenth-century house, and walls painted in Farrow & Ball Mahogany. Feminine final touches like orchids girl it up.

Design by Hubert Zandberg

Right: When it comes to using black and white, it's best to go big or go home, otherwise the bathroom reads as a simply functional space. Here, a stunning collection of black-and-white photography helps envelop the space, along with a folding screen that not only creates privacy, but also more visual drama. An assortment of exotic white coral adds just the right reminder that somewhere outside this glamorous cocoon an ocean awaits.

Design by Hubert Zandberg

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Left: An oversize floral pattern completely transforms a bathroom wall. With the gold color dressing it up and the picture accents bringing the glamour down a notch, a perfect balance between dressy and day-to-day is achieved. A bathroom is an ideal place to try a bold wallpaper pattern you've always dreamed of but never dared.

Design by Matthew Williamson

Right: "This lowly woodshed was reborn as the chicest bathroom in my house," says designer Darren Henault. "Keeping the elements in the room basic, yet funky, referenced its origins, although the dirt floor had to go. Humble can be glorious."

Design by Darren Henault

