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Brilliant ideas for giving powder rooms the wow factor

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METAL ENERGY

By stealing space from the kitchen, designer Sue Lloyd-Roberts was able to create a showstopping cloakroom

THE PROBLEM

“The ground floor of my client’s home in Cape Town didn’t have a stand-alone bathroom. To access one, guests had to go through a bedroom,” explains Sue Lloyd-Roberts of Mint Designer Renovations.

THE SOLUTION

In order to incorporate a new guest cloakroom (which formed part of an extensive renovation), Sue stole space from the existing kitchen and adjacent flatlet. This necessitated the installation of a structural beam across the ceiling. To make it a feature and more functional, Sue had it squared off and it now houses the downlights.

To fulfil her client’s request for decor with the wow factor, Sue created an eye-catching feature wall using black and white Moroccan tiles. Large-format porcelain floor tiles balance the busy pattern, and the charcoal shade gives the small room



depth. The vanity and mirror surround were made from copper piping, which adds a surprising industrial element. “It makes a striking contrast, but doesn’t take up space,” explains Sue.

Adding another glamorous element are coloured glass pendants that complement the copper piping.

“It’s exactly what I wanted – a gorgeous statement space,” says the owner. ▷

THIS SPREAD, CLOCKWISE FROM FAR LEFT: ● Giving this small space high impact are the wall and floor tiles from Utile Sourcing. The planter and stand are from MRP Home. ● Sue made use of this niche by installing glass shelves. The planters are from Bungalow Living and the towels from @home. ● The vanity and mirror surround were custom designed and the ceramic basin was made by Earth Play Studio.

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