

# Birch BEAUTY

A tiny budget turns a bitty powder room into a huge hit.



**in this makeover** FOREST-INSPIRED WALLPAPER \*\*\*  
COMPACT VANITY \*\*\* STYLISH SCENES \*\*\* SLIM CONSOLE TABLE

## about this makeover

### THE BUDGET

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| <b>CABINETRY</b>     |     |
| • Vanity and sink    | 600 |
| <b>SURFACES</b>      |     |
| • Wallpaper          | 500 |
| • Paint              | 90  |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b> |     |
| • Light fixtures     | 150 |

**TOTAL** **\$1,300**

### THE DETAILS

**BELOW** The angular sink adds a modern touch to the bath. The open base lends visual space and provides storage for towels. The circular shape of the mirror repeats in the handy towel bar.



**T**he remodel that created this powder room did only half the job. "At we did was slap a cheap pedestal sink and toilet in there," designer Sherry Hart says. But a few years later, homeowner Jen Kottmeyer decided to upgrade some of the previous renovations in her Adams cottage. This full-foot half bath was the first entry was at the top of her remodeling list. "It was quite obvious that it did not have the same quality and feel as the rest of the house," Jen says. The rest of the house has a sophisticated, edgy look.

Hart knew wallpaper would be the perfect quick fix. The powder room was small enough that paper—even if it was a bit pricey—would still be in the budget, and there was no chance of steam damage from a tub or shower. Jen instantly loved a birch woods wallpaper in shades of beige.

With the new wallpaper, the dark trim and plantation-style shutter on the window needed lightening. A fresh coat of white paint not only complements the paper but also contrasts with the dark cherry stain on the bathroom floor. Fortunately, the toilet still fits the room's color palette.

Hart wanted every aspect to exude an earthy urban aura, but she also wanted some modern touches. Shaded accents and contemporary bits. Existing nickel brackets on the mirror complement the new faucet and hardware that came with the sink base. The compact vanity adds bold, modern lines, as well as open storage for folded towels underneath.

Now, this tiny powder room is a welcoming little nook. "People can't believe it is the same space," Jen says. ☺

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**OPPOSITE** The sophisticated little powder room gets its upscale, elegant feel from a modern vanity, console table, and sconces.