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## BATHROOM

### Make Over Your Powder Room

Pick a project, any project! Even just one of them is enough to zhuzh up the space.

#### FAUCET

Paint to the rescue! Again! This time, use spray paint to revive your existing fixtures. Start with the prep: Remove the faucet and knobs from their posts, clean them with soap and water, then with straight vinegar to remove hard-water buildup. Next, rub them down with coarse sandpaper, wipe off the dust, and place them on a tarp outdoors. Spray on a coat of Rust-Oleum Automotive Primer, then a few coats of Rust-Oleum Universal Metallic Spray Paint, which comes in bronze, gold, and more. Top it off with a coat of Rust-Oleum Gloss Clear Lacquer Spray Paint. Let dry and reinstall.



#### MIRROR

Tired of looking at that basic bathroom mirror? The online shop MirrorMate will make a custom frame that's ridiculously easy to install. Send in your dimensions and they'll ship you a frame that clips onto your existing medicine cabinet or mirror. It's budget- and eco-friendly. Already have a frame? You know what we're going to say: more paint! Brush on a different color for a quick and fun update.

#### LIGHTS

When you're getting up to pee between your pre-bedtime nap on the couch and bedtime, the last thing you want is Times Square-level lighting in your eyes. Swap in sconces with shades or even frosted bulbs to soften the brightness. Choose bulbs that run a little warm (you want something around 3,000 Kelvin) for a more flattering glow.

#### VANITY

Carrie Waller, blogger at *Dream Green DIY*, has repainted her bathroom vanity multiple times and has two recommendations: Use a small foam paint roller (not the fuzzy kind) to get the smoothest finish, and pick up Sherwin-Williams Emerald Urethane Trim Enamel (\$83 per gallon; [sherwin-williams.com](http://sherwin-williams.com)) in satin. She swears this stuff dries rock-hard—important for high-traffic areas, where surfaces tend to get put through the wringer. Again, there's some prep work involved (cleaning, sanding, and priming), and don't forget that second coat!