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9 Amazing Makeovers

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Above Wood floors? Splashy colors? Why not? In the world of half baths, there's no shower to ruin the wood, and the room's niche nature means bold patterns and fiery colors can work. Here, the functional, table-style vanity, with drawers slotted cleverly on both sides of the sink, is dressed up nicely in an eye-catching hue, yet it doesn't steal the show from the shapely mirror above. Shaded lamps and a dimmable task light provide soft—yet adequate—face-friendly light and combine with the rug to create a welcoming space.

Opposite The powder room's small footprint means it can fit just about anywhere (as long as there's plumbing nearby). Here, the room takes advantage of natural light and an angular ceiling, reaching high for air. The space is defined primarily by its rustic elements, including an apron-front sink, shutters at the window (for privacy when needed), and board-and-batten walls. The dark stone floor creates visual contrast with the porcelain, while paintings provide quirky distractions for the occasional visitor. Nautical lights were chosen to emphasize the home's location near the water.





Window treatments help you control light and privacy, but they also can be a relatively inexpensive way to add color and texture.



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Relaxed Roman shades mounted inside the window frame discreetly play up a window's trim, keeping attention on the architecture. Their soft, swag hemlines offer an elegant silhouette. Choose hefty linen for texture and visual weight. Back it with blackout lining for south-facing windows.

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Scrolled iron shutters made by a blacksmith serve as a focal point above the main sink. These one-of-a-kind shutters were inspired by the traditionally detailed cabinetry. Achieve a similar look by hanging a decorative metal panel within the window frame.

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Add a dressy note to a kitchen with pinch-pleated draperies that hang almost from the ceiling. The long and luxurious folds of fabric dampen sound and amplify the room's style. Opt for fabrics that can be washed or dry-cleaned as well as a rod and clips that allow the panels to close. Protect your fabric with a lining that limits sun and moisture exposure from the outdoors.