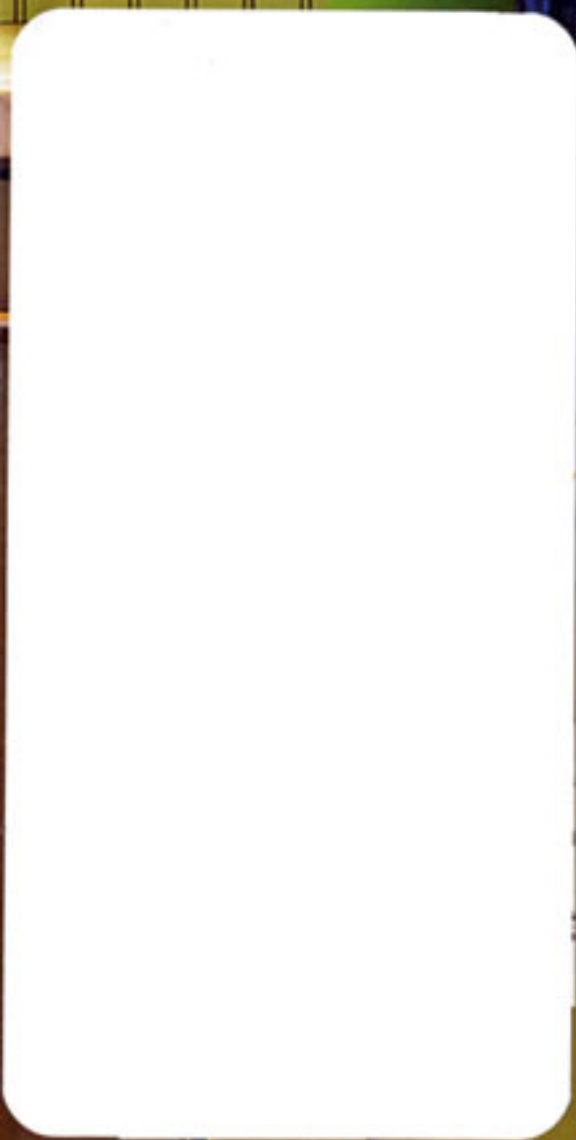


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## Fresh Ideas for Kitchens & Baths



# BOLD & BEAUTIFUL

Touches of elegance and rustic details combine gracefully in a European-style powder room

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**IT'S IN THE DETAILS**  
Every detail contributes to the Old World look. The wood floors, which were reclaimed from old buildings, were chosen because they offered such character.

"POWDER ROOMS ARE AN INTERIOR designer's signature area," says interior designer Bess Jones. "Homeowners give us more freedom there." For Jones, more freedom at a north Scottsdale residence translated into a powder room that invites guests with warm hues and classic design.

"We wanted an elegant, warm feeling when you walk in," says homeowner Bart LaBelle. "It steps up the experience of using the powder room."

Reclaimed sycamore floors, wood-beamed ceilings, and Venetian plaster walls throughout the house flow seamlessly into the guest bathroom, where the designer used a vibrant deep-raspberry-color plaster to make a bold impression.

Vintage-looking custom touches such as a carved wood vani-

ty with onyx top and an ornate mirror add sophistication. "I found the design [for the vanity] in a book on Italian antiques, and then we adapted it for the powder room," Jones notes. "We designed the mirror with the same basic feel."

Other accessories contributing to the style include a pair of rustic iron sconces that flank the mirror, a hand-woven Ferahan rug, and an angelic soap dish. Jones is particularly proud of the wood-framed window with art glass, which she says gives the space period authenticity. All these elements combine to create an effect the interior designer calls layering.

"We were just ecstatic about how the powder room turned out," says LaBelle. "We love it." □

*See Sources.*



**TURN IT UP**

Walls covered with vividly colored Venetian plaster made in Italy add warmth and authenticity.

**PERSONAL TOUCH**

Angel accents such as this soap dish reflect the wife's love of cherubs.