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An inspirational guide to
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FOCUS ON *cloakrooms*

A playful world of bold colours, striking wallpapers and decadent design details



This jade Buddha head in the entrance became the starting point for the wonderful dark green lacquer painted walls

WHEN NINA CAMPBELL WAS DESIGNING THIS LOO IN A HOUSE in Athens, she wanted to create interest and warmth. She used green lacquer in the entrance hall to create a rich and hugely welcoming space. Mirrors in the top panels and on the vanity unit added sparkle to a potentially dull area. ninacampbell.com >



NINA CAMPBELL

The interior designer on courageous cloakroom design

A cloakroom should be a place for fantasy and considered experimentation. A daring leap into a world of bold colours, striking wallpapers and playful design. It must feel comfortable and the space should work in a practical sense, but ultimately one can be very courageous when it comes to designing a small space. It must, however, always look pristine. Your guests aren't in there for long so you want

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to make a good impression. Invest in a luxurious liquid hand soap and elegant hand towels. I get mine from the Monogrammed Linen Shop.

In the eighteenth century, it was advised to paint your hall a calm colour such as beige or stone. Journeys to houses were often so bad that the entrance was seen as a place to calm yourself after the journey. Nowadays, it is sometimes nice to create a bit of drama when guests arrive as hopefully they have appeared without incident. The downstairs cloakroom is an ideal place to do just that.

I update the design of my downstairs loo at home regularly. Currently it has my own pink 'Estella' beaded wallpaper on the ceiling - a starburst pattern, enlivened with tiny beads, that evokes the film-star glamour of a Hollywood dressing room. A downstairs loo should never be dull. ninacampbellinteriors.com



SPACE MAGIC Based on an antique folding screen, this 'Marlowe' floral wallpaper by Ralph Lauren uses two print methods to achieve the textures of the original design. The taps are by Lefroy Brooks and the bold red light is from Holloways of Ludlow. olivashawinteriors.com



HOME TEAM Nina amusingly refers to this design as her 'footballers' wives' bathroom. The black and gold palette is carried through the wallpaper, which is from Nina's own collection, the bowl and taps are from Bathrooms International, as is the custom-made vanity unit.



FRESH TAKE An antique chest of drawers from Ebay is reincarnated as a vanity unit with fresh lacquer and a basin and taps by CP Hart. The mirror from Vaughan reflects the pretty pattern of the 'Pyne Hollyhock' wallcovering by Schumacher. cphart.co.uk | feschumacher.com



SIT PRETTY Panelling and wallpaper create the backdrop for this 'Brora WC Suite' and throne loo seat. The tall cistern adds drama. drummonds-uk.com



DARLE BEITRON; DARREN CHUNG; BAY MA; KATE MARTIN; SIMON UPTON

BRONZE AGE Designer Peter Mikic used wall sconces, an oversized mirror and 'Tara' taps from Dornbracht to striking effect. petermikic.com



THINK PINK To fulfil the brief of making this loo in a London townhouse as pretty as possible, interior designer Veere Grenney used pink lacquer for the walls and sourced a beautiful antique-style sink from The Water Monopoly. veeregrenney.com



PAST PERFECT Max Rollitt designed a pair of French nineteenth-century stained-glass windows to hold a series of photographic slides. maxrollitt.com



RED ALERT The red lacquered ceiling pops against the Farrow & Ball 'Tanners Brown' paint on the walls and 'Savoy Mosaic' tiles by Ann Sacks. studioduggan.com



HIDDEN GEM A jib door is all but concealed within braid-work and faux-suede walls which contrasts masterfully with the neutral scheme inside. alidada.com



GILTY PLEASURE Hand-painted 'Chatsworth' wallpaper, traditional fittings, silk curtains and an antique mirror create an elegant scheme. degournay.com

OUR PICK OF PRETTY WALLPAPERS



'Alderney' (aqua), 52cm wide, £62 per 10m roll, by Colefax and Fowler. coifax.com



'London 1832', 136cm wide, £75 a square metre, Phaedra. zoffany.com



'Herons', 52cm wide, £69 per 10m roll, GP&J Baker. gpbaker.com



'Niveum', £156 a square metre, Wall&Deco. westonebathrooms.com



'Cochin' (pink), £66 per 8.23m roll, Thibaut. thibautdesign.com □