

# Wonder wall

*An iconic wallpaper sets the tone for this personalised space.*

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*A Neisha Crosland* wallpaper that the owner had seen in a magazine some years ago was the starting point for the design of this powder room tucked under the stairs in a grand 1910 two-storey semi on Sydney's Lower North Shore. Shannon Shlom and Dominique Brammah of Duet, who were engaged for a "top-to-toe cosmetic refresh" of the home for the family of five, managed to find just enough rolls of the wallpaper as it was about to be discontinued. The paper backgrounds a jewel of a space, petite but bursting with personality, in keeping with the designers' ethos of being bold and adding contemporary nods and eclectic combinations to period homes. [Duet, weareduet.com.au](http://Duet,weareduet.com.au)

**What was the brief for this space?** The owners wanted a powder room that would delight. Finding the wallpaper they loved was a little moment of serendipity. It was about developing the story of their home and everything was very sentimental.

**How did you decide on the colour palette?** The wallpaper has a classic tailored palette of ivories and creams, but the pattern play makes for a joyful composition full of personality. We added the cherries on top – the custom mirror, vintage Murano sconces – and the space now exists to delight!

**How long did the renovation take?** It was part of an overall refresh of the house and, thanks to Covid, the final moment was a staggering two years after our first meeting. They say good things take time.

**What do the owners love about this space?** They love that it is a reflection of something they have loved for a long time. We always ask clients, 'Is there anything you have always loved or had your eye on?' This was very much client-driven and we couldn't be happier.

## POWDER ROOM *design notes*

**WALLS** Neisha Crosland 'Anemone' wallpaper, Tigger Hall Design.

**FLOOR TILES** Popham Design 'Wink' tiles, Onsite Supply + Design.

**MIRROR** Custom brass-framed mirror, Duet.

**TAPWARE** Astra Walker 'Classic' basin set with levers, Candana.

**VANITY** Duravit 'Happy D' wall basin, Candana.

**LIGHTING** Vintage Murano sconces, Duet.

**ACCESSORIES** Vase by Joseph Turrin, Modern Times.