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Elina Katsioulas-Beall, CKD  
DeWitt Designer Kitchens  
Studio City, CA

## Japanese Theme Inspires Winning Project

A love of Japanese culture provided inspiration for this unique powder room, designed by Elina Katsioulas-Beall, CKD, of DeWitt Designer Kitchens in Studio City, CA. The client, a Japanese swordsmanship instructor who collects antique Samurai swords, wanted a powder room design that would mirror his passion for Japanese culture.

A Stone Forest Natural Granite Sink complemented by a stacked black pebble backsplash begins the theme, creating a dramatic focal point that is reminiscent of a waterfall. Katsioulas-Beall then used a striking 42" faucet to create a profile mirroring that of a samurai sword.

A Yoshino Japanese Antique Chest with Black Iron Hardware continues the theme, along with backlit Pacific Custom Japanese Shoji Panels in maple, kimono-shaped mirrors and Japanese Antique Window Transoms, turned vertically to act as swinging doors.

The project is finished with Empire Marble and Granite countertops in Absolute Black, a Duravit toilet and silver wallpaper from Japan.

Photo: Donna Griffith Photography



Erica Westeroth, CKD, NCIDQ  
Co-Designer: Tim Scott  
XTC Design Inc.  
Toronto, ON Canada

## 'Hidden Assets' Enhance Powder Room

While powder room baths are rarely known for their spaciousness, designer Adel Visser, CKD, CBD, CID, of the Sacramento, CA-based All About Kitchens and More, added a wonderful sense of openness to this bath by concealing many of the room's functional elements.

Thomas Custom Woodwork cabinetry in Rift Cut White Oak and Natural Cherry with Rice Paper creates a backdrop of elegant, clean lines. Sliding doors with no visible track keep clutter hidden.

Below the large mirror, water disappears almost invisibly without the benefit of a drain due to the Omvivo Washplane GEO in Sand Limestone, with its slanting and horizontal ledges on either side. The Dornbracht MEM wall-hung faucet adds to the room's subtle profile, while a splash of color is added by the Oceanside Glass recycled glass mosaic tiles and Walker Zanger Metal Tech Porcelain floor tiles in Copper.

Photo: Lazzarone Photography



Adel Visser, CKD, CBD, CID  
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## Striking Curves, Minimalist Design Inspire Powder Room Appeal

An eye-catching space with soft, organic lines and a modern, minimalist design was the goal for Erica Westeroth, CKD, NCIDQ, and co-designer Tim Scott of XTC Design in Toronto, ON Canada in designing this artistic powder room.

The mirror treatment, with curves that are echoed in the three-layered wall effect and floating Corian Fawn countertop, creates a strong focal point for the room. Added visual appeal comes from the blending of textures, colors and shapes seen on the wall, and in individual products, such as the striking Marble Emperador Dark sink and Cercan Bisanzio and Dark Brown Mix tile.

Custom Cherrywood cabinetry with Hettich hardware, a clean-lined Toto Carlysle toilet and Tech Lighting Fab Pendant lights add polish to the space.