



Eastern appeal

This slender powder room reflects a love of Japanese tradition and design

It is one thing to bring a Japanese focus to your powder room – but quite another to ensure some of the imported elements add to the efficiency of the design.

This powder room was created for two owners who trade in Japanese antiques. So it was no surprise they asked designer Elina Katsioula-Beall to make this passion part of their interior design, including this narrow powder room. The room now features Eastern heirlooms and natural surfaces, says Katsioula-Beall.

“I used a merchant’s ledger chest as

the vanity, with a granite countertop, a solid-rock basin and a raised pebble back-splash. The pebbles are repeated in a niche at the rear of the space, drawing the two areas together.

“Opposite the vanity, a backlit shoji screen implies a window behind, although in fact, there are none.

“The light-colored maple floors and walls give this small area a roomy feel.”

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Kitchen designer: Elina Katsioula-Beall NKBA, ATAS, DeWitt Designer Kitchens (Pasadena, CA)
Vanity: Japanese choba dansu antique chest from Yoshino Japanese Antiques
Countertop: Granite from Molise Marble & Granite
Basin: Natural granite from Stone Forest
Faucets: Luna by Graff
Backsplash: Black pebble tiles, Creative Environments
Flooring: Maple engineered wood from Armstrong
Wall coverings: Tokiwa silver pattern
Lighting: Halo recessed halogens
Toilet: Darling tankless toilet by Duravit
Feature element: Antique ramma window transoms from Yoshino Japanese Antiques

Facing page: Silver-colored wallpaper adds to the exotic feel of this Japanese-themed powder room. The shape of the mirrors behind the vanity references that of an antique Japanese horse throw, or umagaki, in the nearby kitchen.

Above left: Swing doors provided a traditional feel and helped optimize the limited available space.

Above: Elina Katsioula-Beall had plumbing built into the chest, which provides ample storage.

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