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## RUSTIC

**CONCEPT** The owners of this vacation home wanted the nostalgic feel of a vintage mountain cabin. Diana Vincent, owner of High Camp Home ([highcamphome.com](http://highcamphome.com)), carried the rustic look throughout the home, even designing a powder room that looks and feels like the great outdoors.

**MATERIALS** Everything, with the exception of the sink and faucet, is natural or reclaimed. Vincent works with High Sierra Custom, High Camp Home's in-house builder, to reclaim old barnwood to use for siding. Rough-cut native stone is used for the countertop. Poplar bark shingles add rustic texture and are available from Highland Craftsmen ([highlandcraftsmen.com](http://highlandcraftsmen.com)).

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## FRESH POWDER

The powder room—typically a main-floor half bath with a sink, a toilet and a mirror—is usually the smallest room in the house but, with the possible exception of the kitchen, it is the room most often seen by guests. Because of its petite size, a powder room can be one of the least expensive rooms in the house to decorate or renovate. It can also have style, flash and as much whimsy or drama as you can imagine—think artwork, books and Navajo rugs on the floor. Sinks can float on a stone slab or be dropped into an interesting old piece of furniture. Don't be afraid to try different materials or come up with new uses for your antiques and collectibles. Just make sure everything you do is functional and fits in with the theme of your home.