Tiny Bath Clearance Cheat Sheet

Map your high-clearance layout and select fixtures with confidence.

A tight powder room demands precise planning before you buy. Use these exact measurements to fit a beautiful vanity and toilet into the tightest footprint.



Clearance Minimums

21 in
Clear floor space facing toilet bowl

15 in
Toilet flange center to side wall

9 in
Depth for floating wall vanity

3 to 4 in
Space saved by in-wall paper holder

3.5 in
Usable depth in standard interior walls

36 in
Height for protective wipeable lower wainscoting

Flawless High-Gloss Ceiling

Apply a smooth skim coat and sand it perfectly flat before applying high-gloss paint. This bounces ambient light downward without glare highlighting surface drywall flaws.

Door Swing Strategy

Find your row: **Your entry space**

Your entry space	Your pick	Why
Standard hallways	Inswing door	Needs 32 to 36 inches
Tight powder rooms	Outswing door	Requires zero interior space
Ultra-small baths	Pocket door	Uses wall cavity width

Check Before You Install

- ○ Trace the full door swing path to ensure it clears fixtures completely.
- ○ Verify stud depth and check for hidden vent stacks before cutting drywall.
- ○ Align the rough-in valve slightly higher than standard to hide connections.
- ○ Plan drain configuration for a low-profile bottle trap against back wall.

High-Clearance Styling Details

- ☐ Side-mounted faucet to maximize narrow rectangular trough sink basins.
- ☐ Ceiling-height mirror to draw the eye upward and double light.
- ☐ Slim profile sconces flanking the vanity on adjacent side walls.
- ☐ Unlacquered brass plumbing fixtures with antique brass mirror frame.
- ☐ Medium-scale botanical wallpaper above the soft neutral wainscoting.

Room Measurements & Notes

Enjoy your beautifully functional, perfectly measured new powder room!