

MAKEOVER

Conversions and Extensions of Homes and Residential Spaces

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BRAUN

EXTENSION OF A BARN

CHALLENGE: DEMONSTRATING RESPECT FOR THE BUILDING'S VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE AND SENSITIVITY TO ITS RURAL SETTING, THEREBY PRESERVING THE AUTHENTICITY AND UNIQUE CHARACTER OF THE SITE.



Architect | ppa architectures
Completion | 2010
Gross floor area | 70 m²
Number of rooms | 3
Number of residents | 5
Address | Lesponne, France

This project juxtaposes the barn's strong architectural presence with the new building, which is designed as a discreet topographical feature and almost disappears into the landscape. At first glance, the façade first appears to be that of a simple log store, which goes on to reveal a living space that opens out underneath the hillside. The log store is made from industrial steel. A dry-stone wall, like those used as retaining walls for cultivating crops in the area, forms the extension's rear elevation against the incline and juts out along the exterior terrace. The concrete slab forming the ceiling of the multipurpose room is visually dissociated from the stone wall, thereby drawing in natural light that illuminates it from above. The structural steel frame forms a deep and solid façade. The new building is firmly anchored in the rural Pyrenean setting.



SOLUTION: ADDING AND EXTENDING THE EXISTING BARN CONVERSION, CREATING NEW LIVING SPACES, A UTILITY AREA AND GARAGE.

