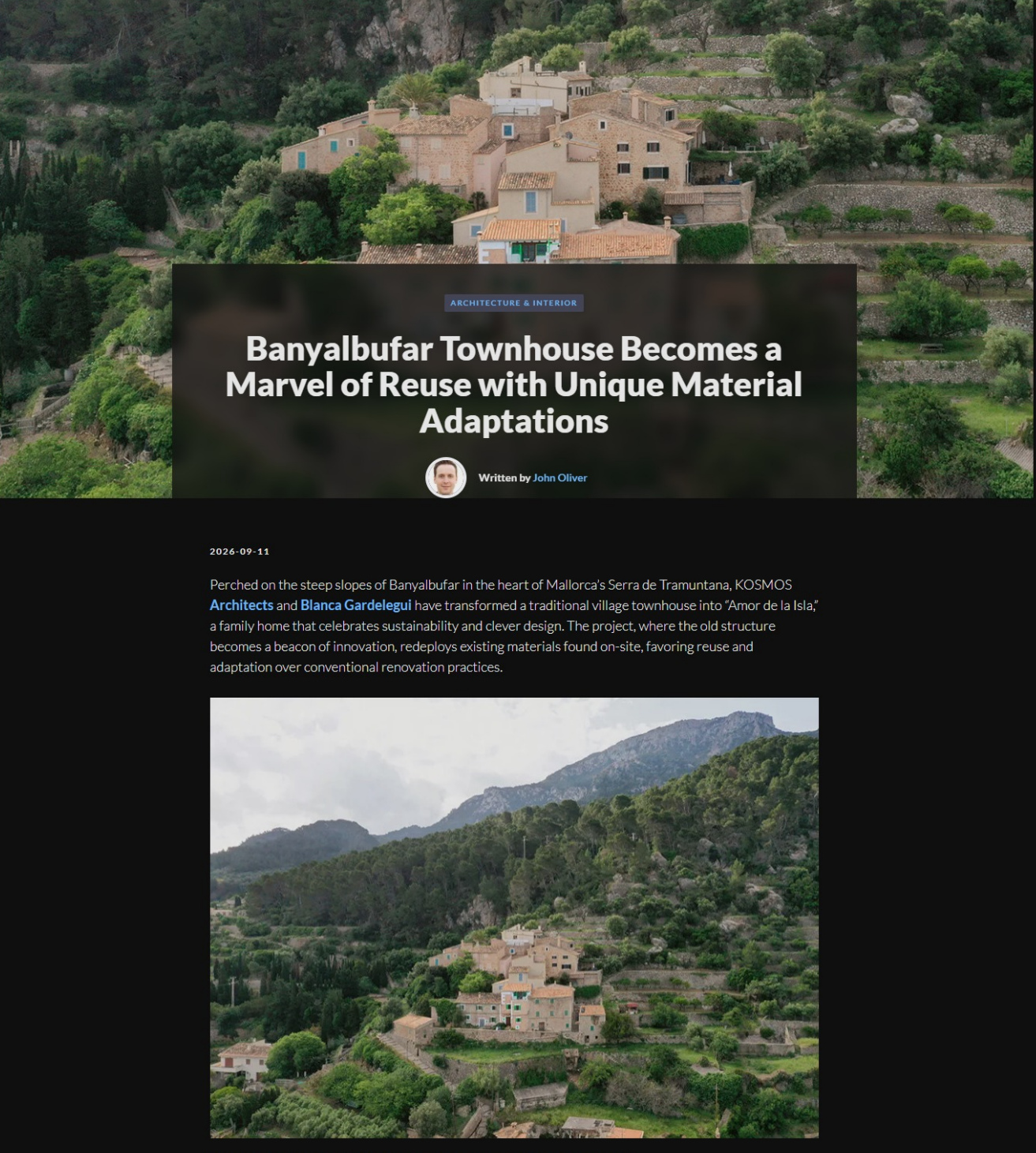




Banyalbufar Townhouse Becomes a Marvel of Reuse with Unique Material Adaptations

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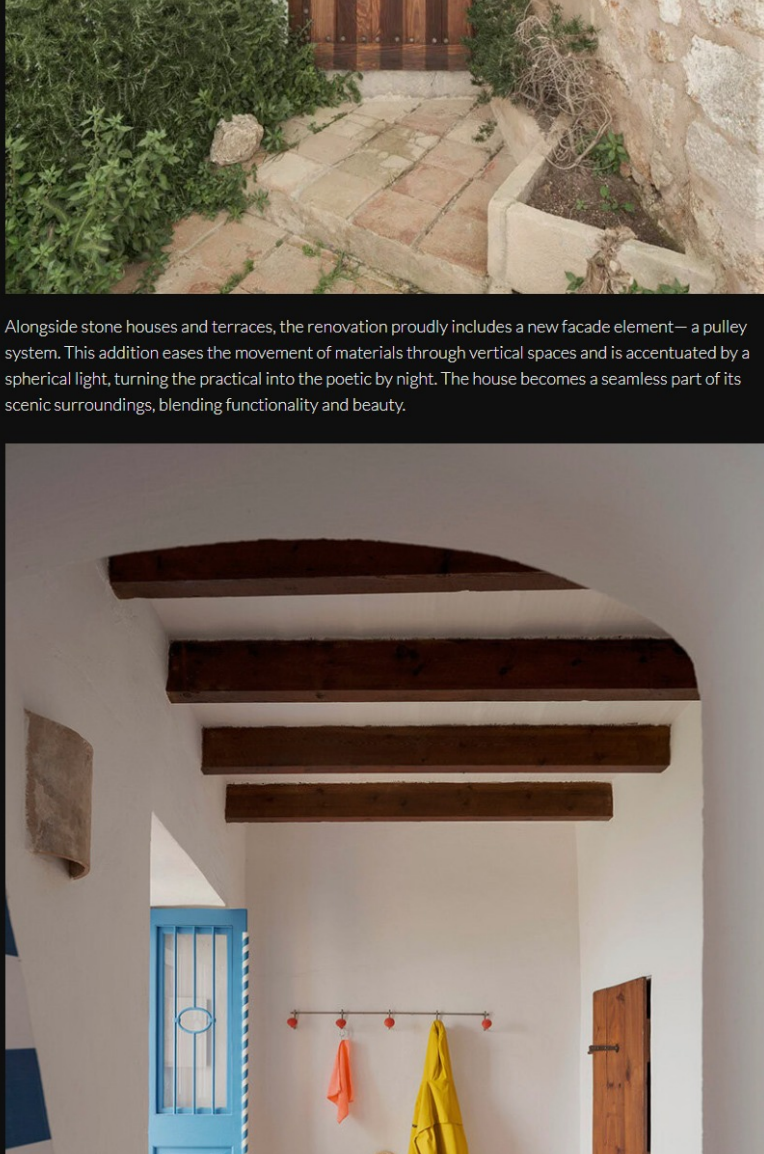
Perched on the steep slopes of Banyalbufar in the heart of Mallorca's Serra de Tramuntana, KOSMOS Architects and Blanca Gardelegui have transformed a traditional village townhouse into Amor de la Isla, a family home that celebrates sustainability and clever design. The project, where the old structure becomes a beacon of innovation, redeploys existing materials found on-site, favoring reuse and adaptation over conventional renovation practices.



Maximizing existing resources: a prime example

Banyalbufar, with its challenging terrain connecting sea and mountains, presents unique construction hurdles. The narrow walkways and steep gradients make transporting materials cumbersome. For 'Amor de la Isla', this logistical challenge inspired a creative solution: repair and repurpose rather than build anew. Through this inventive approach, the home becomes a symbol of preserving its authentic character while infusing it with new life.

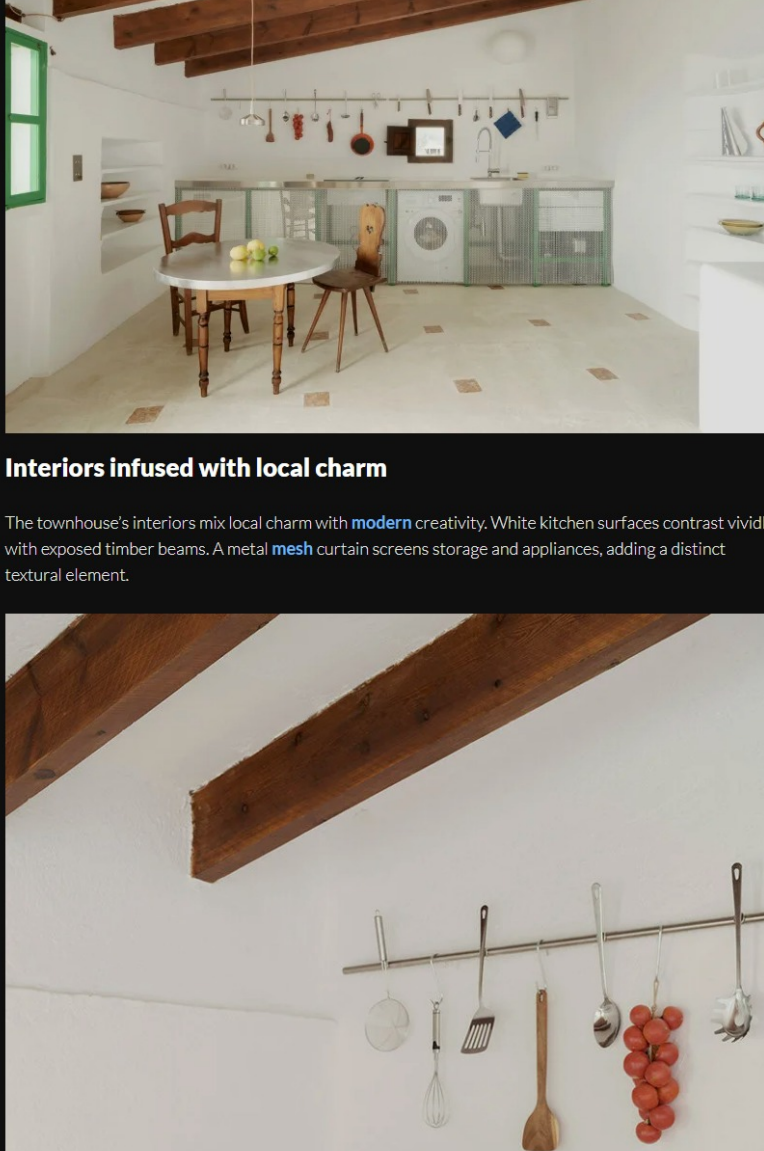
KOSMOS Architects and Blanca Gardelegui focused on enveloping existing elements. They repaired windows and facades, cutting broken ceramic floor tiles to create spectacular terrazzo surfaces. An old interior door with two new serves as an interior folding door, perfectly suited to the home's compact environment.



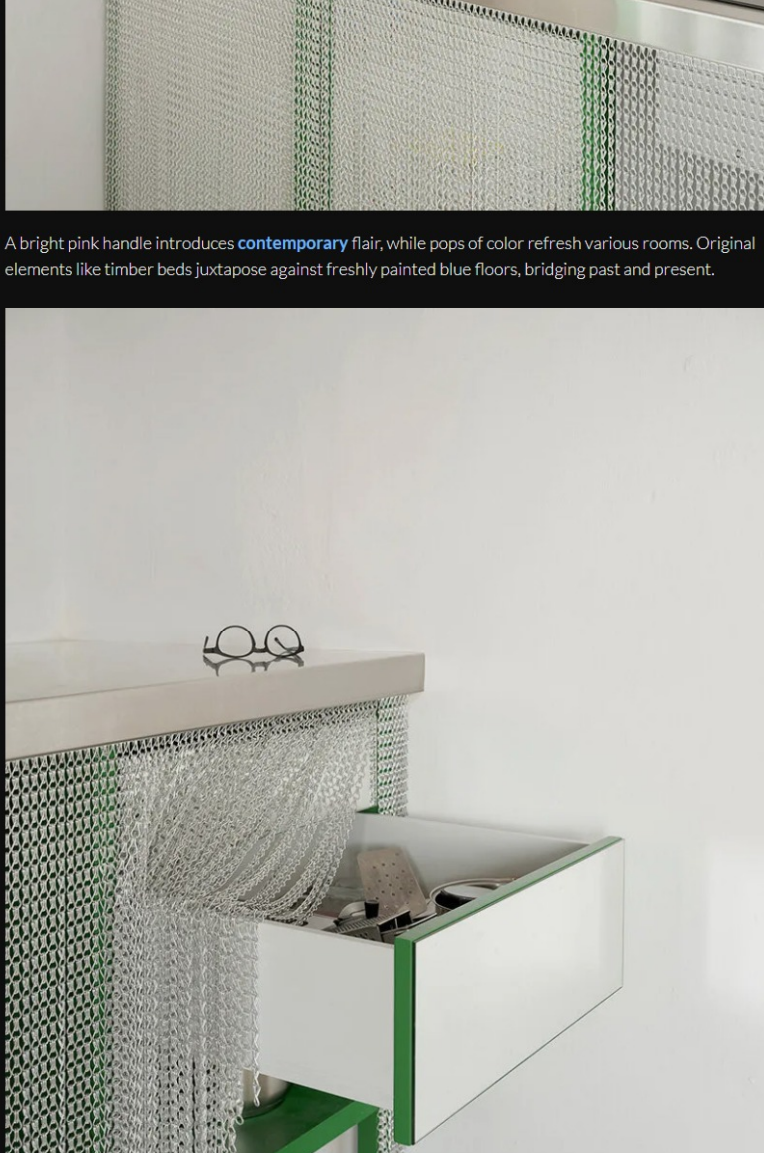
A home of inspired reuse

Inside, ingenuity carries through. Oil funnels are reinvented as pendant lamps, ceramic roof tiles double as lampshades, and a discarded cast-iron merble cover is repurposed into a stone base. Even rebar caps from a local construction site find a new life as distinctive door handles.

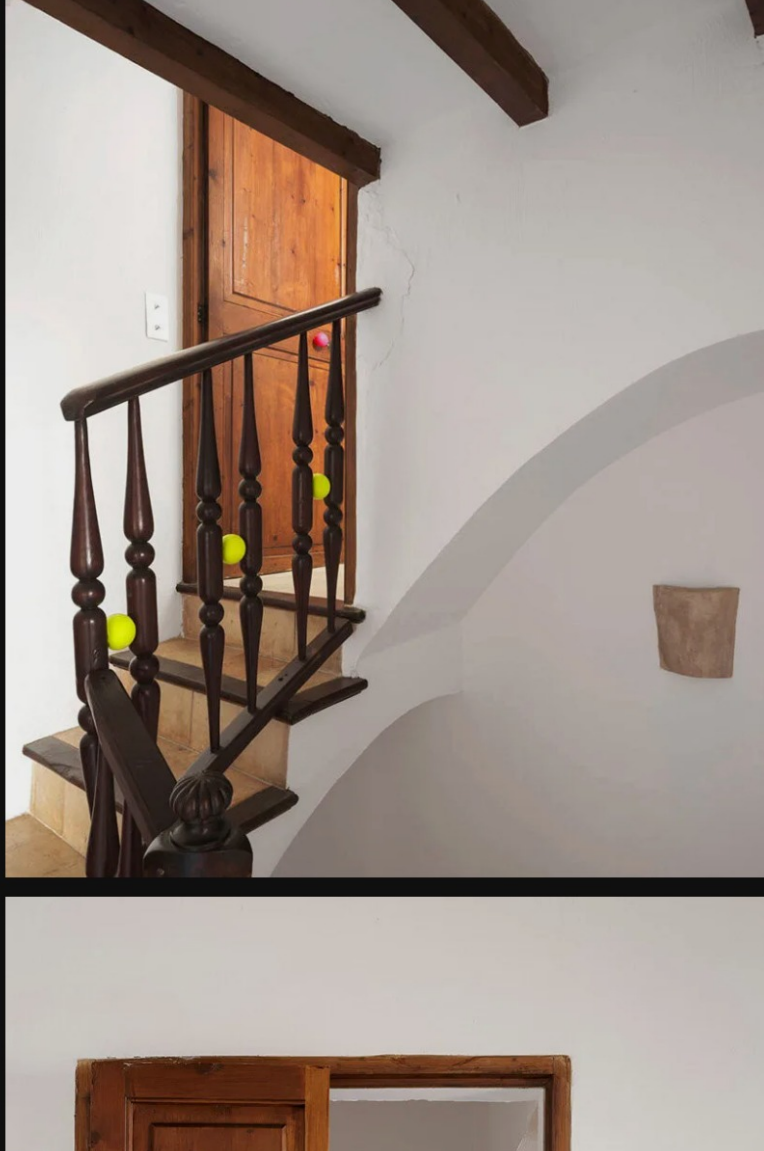
In this project, the residence becomes a showcase for creativity. In the kitchen, traditional Mediterranean chairs are repurposed as pendant lights, maintaining an open feel whilst honoring local tradition. New paint redefines spaces, visually connecting rooms and enhancing the overarching aesthetic.



Alongside stone houses and terraces, the renovation proudly includes a new facade element – a pulley system. This addition eases the movement of materials through vertical spaces and is accentuated by a vertical light, turning the practical into the poetic by night. The house becomes a seamless part of its scenic surroundings, blending functionality and beauty.

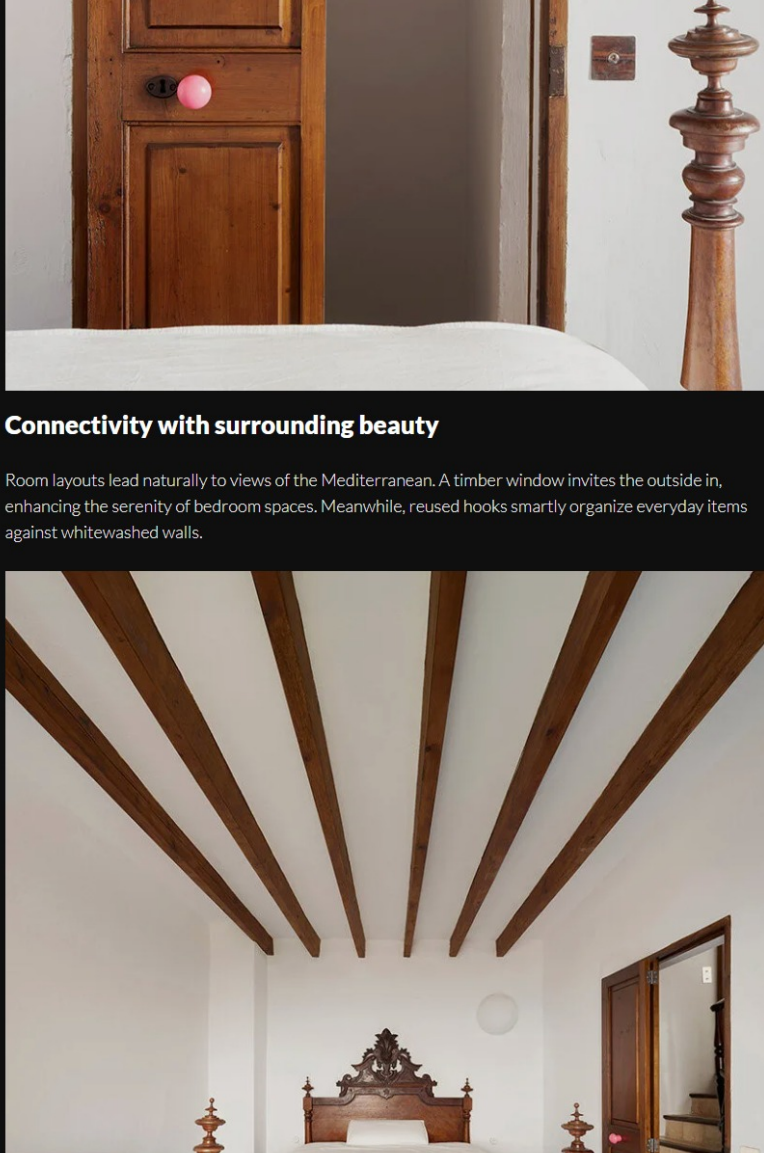


Much of the renovation leaned into **minimalism**, preserving original materials or subtly transforming them. At Can Amor de la Isla, reuse isn't just a design choice; it's an inspired necessity, adding depth and history to the home. Its design journey touches every part of the home, from carefully restored surfaces to imaginative new uses of existing pieces. Thus, the townhouse stands as a testament to the power of **sustainable design**.

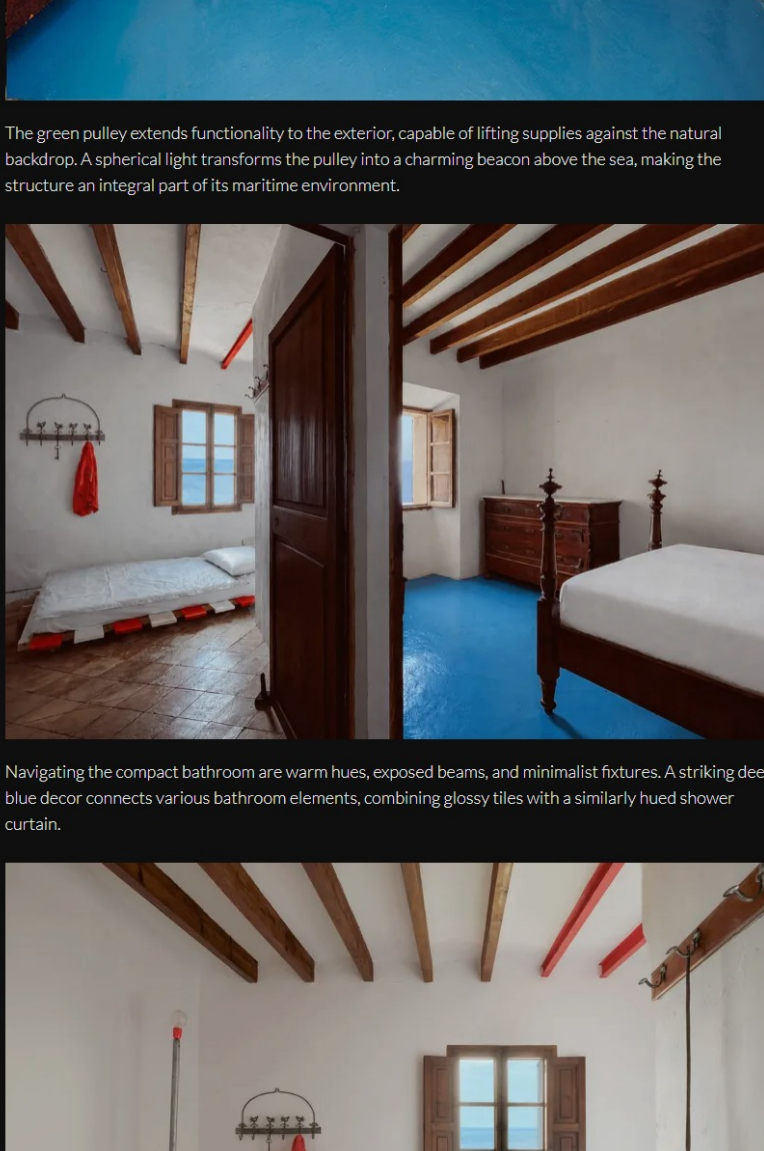


Interiors infused with local charm

The townhouse's interiors mix local charm with **modern** creativity. White kitchen surfaces contrast vividly with exposed timber beams. A metal mesh curtain screens storage and appliances, adding a distinct local element.



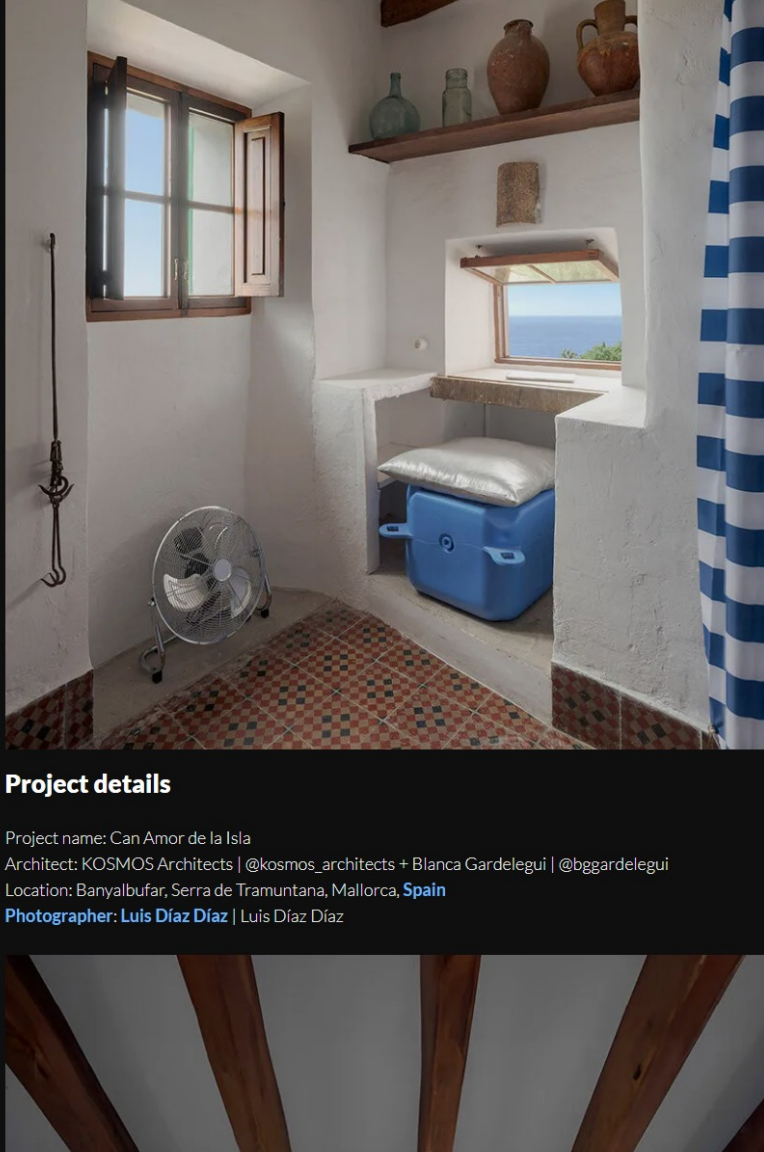
A bright pink handle introduces **contemporary** flair, while pops of color tell fresh version rooms. Original elements like timber beds juxtapose freshly painted blue floors, bridging past and present.



The residence also features an original wrought-iron coat rack, retained as a nod to its history. Exposed beams and ceramic tiles remain integral to the aesthetic, maintaining authenticity, as the home becomes a cohesive blend of old and new.



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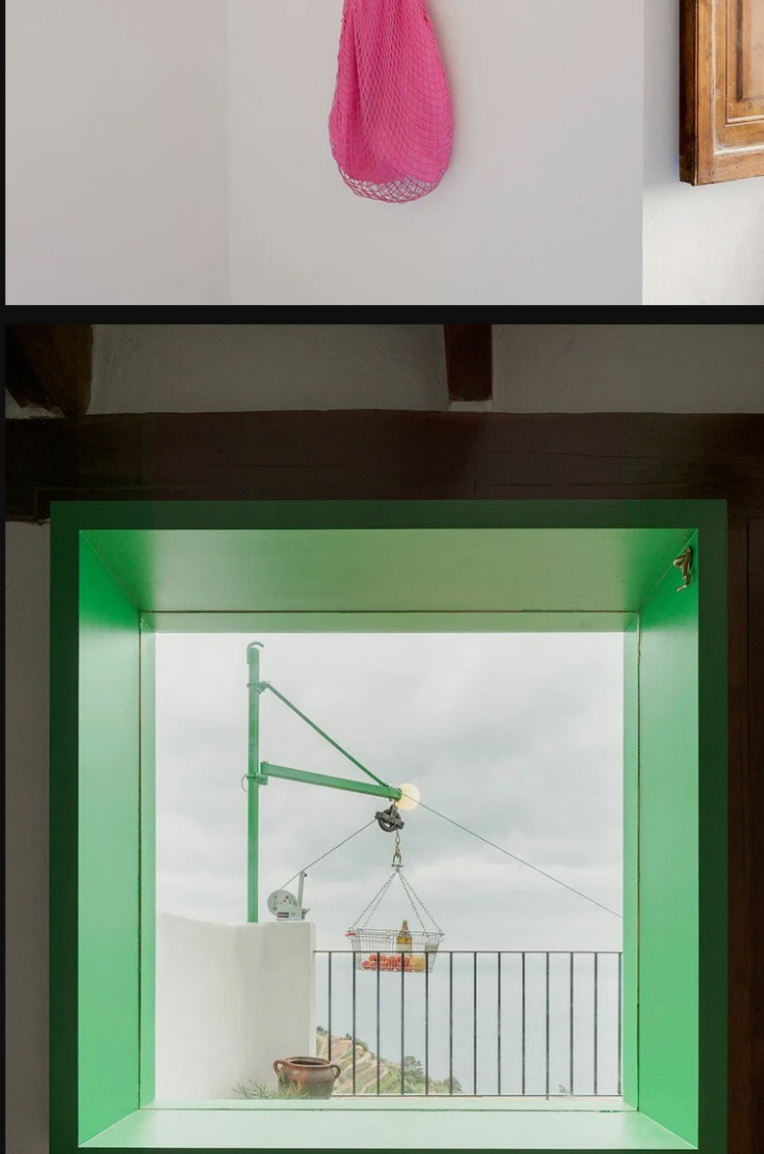


Connectivity with surrounding beauty

Room layouts load naturally off views of the Mediterranean. A timber window frames the outside in, enhancing the serenity of bedroom spaces. Meanwhile, round hooks smartly organize everyday items against whitewashed walls.



The green pulley extends functionally to the exterior, capable of lifting supplies against the natural backdrop. A spherical light transforms the pulley into a charming beacon above the sea, making the structure an integral part of its mar-fine environment.



Navigating the compact bathroom are warm hues, exposed beams, and minimalist features. A striking deep blue bed connects various bathroom elements, combining glossy tiles with a similarly hued shower curtain.

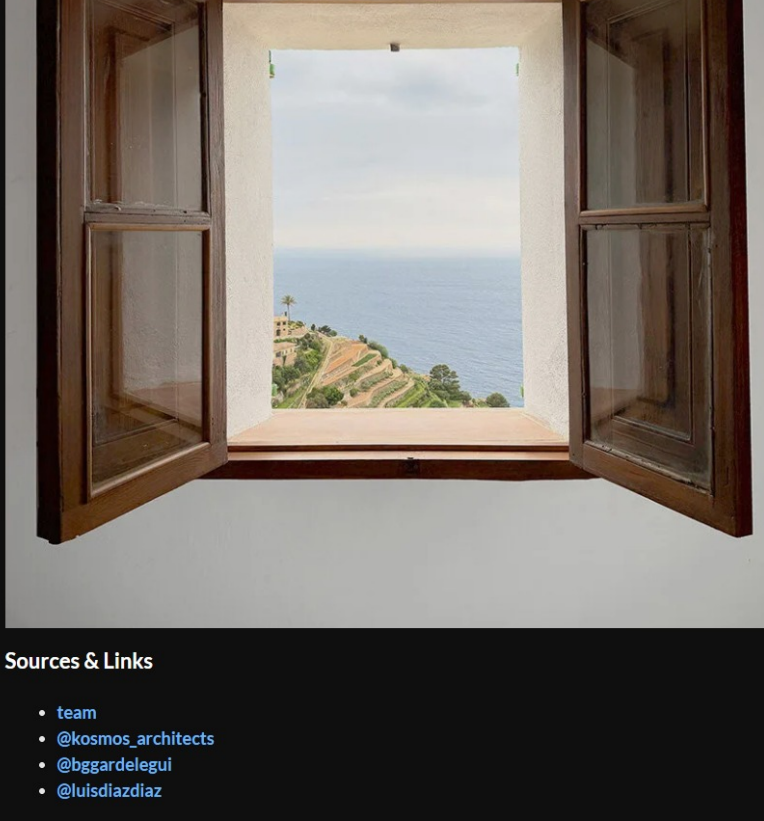


A wild design choice, from walls to floors, keeps the palette cohesive, framing the timeless journey of the home.



Project details

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