



Handmade timber cabinets create a feeling of warmth

This 50 m² (538 ft²) apartment in New Zealand—home of *WireDog Architecture*—was designed around the principles established by Makoto Masuzawa for his 1952 minimal house. The diminutive size is a constraint, meaning that spaces have to merge with each other. All the spaces are arranged around a central double-volume living area, including the open-plan kitchen. The upstairs bedroom and study enclose the living area. Only two primary materials are used: inexpensive American ash and Italian poplar plywood. Together with his father, the architect built all the internal joinery, including the kitchen that hangs from the joists of the mezzanine above.

