A Masterclass in Livable Minimalism

Natural materials and handcrafted pieces offset a streamlined scheme in this pared-back studio

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

SIZE 36 m² (388 ft²) △ 1-2 residents

FRESH START

► This former blacksmith's workshop has been given a new lease of life as a contemporary studio.

This Zen-like Scottish retreat lies in the historic heart of Edinburgh in an eighteenth-century former blacksmith's workshop. Design duo Eilidh Izat and Jack Arundell spent months designing a single-room layout for the 36 m² (388 ft²) property, which has been reimagined as a paean to natural materials and local artisans.

"As one of the last remaining undeveloped spaces in the Old Town, we wanted to create a simple layout with a quiet aesthetic—an escape for guests within the city," say the pair, who discovered the space in 2016 when the former workshop was standing empty.



