WHERE CORSICA FRANCE WHO NATHALIE, FRÉDÉRIC, CHARLES, HENRI, HADRIEN WHAT MOUNTAIN REFUGE

## A minimalist rustic refuge nestled in the mountains

"I am very attached to family and childhood. I have fond memories of long summer holidays spent here in Corsica at my grandparents' cabin in the Marana plain," says Nathalie Ferrarini, the French founder of children's clothing brand We Are Kids. "I loved that I would literally live in a simple terry cotton cloth all summer long, which is something my first collection celebrated: this special connection to this place and this moment of time." Together with husband Frédéric, Nathalie bought a rustic Corsican summerhouse made of drystone walls and flagstone roofs nestled in the heart of the mountains. It's a dreamy natural setting for the couple to escape to from their urban lives and enjoy breaks and holidays together with their three energetic sons, Charles (15), Henri (4), and Hadrien (2).

Once a destination for boho hippies, the charming mountainous village of Lapedina—where they bought their house in 2015—is today full of rehabilitated rustic houses, so preserving the character of their dwelling was important for the couple, who took three years to convert it into a cozy, minimalist refuge. "*The* original interior decor was a bit strange and the renovation work has been a long and laborious process—but the house has a soul," says Nathalie. The interior of the duplex has been thoroughly decluttered to accommodate the young kids securely and enhance the structure's graceful details—imperfect whitewashed walls, little recesses, handsome fireplaces—reinforcing the pleasingly organic feel of the space, while the small outhouse below the main building is now Nathalie's design studio.

"At home in Bastia, there's always friends or family swinging by, and the children liven up our daily routine so much—it never stops! Here, it's so different—this peacefulness helps me to clear my mind. And for the first time this year, we'll have time to fully enjoy the house, explore the other side of Cap Corse, go to the beach every day, and have friends to stay here with us." A taste of endless summer indeed, all encapsulated into the latest We are Kids collection of timeless pieces.

