



# A SCULPTURAL KITCHEN FOR A QUIRKY RENOVATION

**BSP20 House · Raúl Sánchez Architects · Barcelona, Spain**

This inspired renovation of a narrow, four-story 19th-century house in Barcelona is the work of architect Raúl Sánchez. When he found it, the building was in a poor state of repair, with little worth salvaging. After completely gutting the place, retaining only the facades, structural walls, and roof slab, Sánchez began to reconstruct the interior. Leaving the rough masonry walls exposed, Sánchez introduced new floor slabs that reach just short of the main facades. Toward the front facade Sánchez inserted a sheet of glass so that you can see all the way down the house from the top; at the rear the space is occupied by a new spiral staircase. The kitchen is on the ground floor, immediately upon entering the house. Set on a mosaic floor—a Barcelona staple—the kitchen is formed of a single unit with integrated appliances. The cupboard fronts are finished with brushed brass and the countertop is marble, giving the whole thing a sculptural feel against the bare-brick walls.

