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Norm Architects' Gjøvik House offers a window into the sort of home that might supersede the open-plan spaces currently in vogue. Located by Lake Mjøsa near the Norwegian town of Gjøvik, the house is built for an age in which privacy and serenity hold great value.

Norm Architects designed the residence as a “cluster house,” in which six cube-like structures of different sizes overlap to form a floor plan that features a surprising number of nooks and crannies. With spaces such as these, residents can enjoy seclusion from one another without having to retreat all the way to their bedrooms. They can

watch videos on their tablet or tinker with a project while still feeling communal and connected.

“The modern cluster house gives you the sensation of being together when not necessarily being in the same room, with thresholds defined by switching levels and materials,” says Linda Korndal, a partner at Norm Architects and the lead architect on the Gjøvik House project, which was completed in 2018.

An interplay of materials stops this deliberately compartmentalized house from closing in on its residents. A material palette of three main textures—mottled gray concrete,