

A Rural Redesign for Scorching Summers

PROJECT
CASA EN TRES PRIMAVERAS
DESIGNER
DAVID SEBASTIAN ARQUITECTES
LOCATION
TERUEL, SPAIN
BUILT
17TH CENTURY

Located in a sparsely populated area of rural Spain some four hours south of Barcelona, this unusual summerhouse was designed to host a yearly get-together for three separate families. Built on a tight budget, the building makes use of a former hay barn in an old corral and has been constructed to provide maximum shelter from the strong summer sun.

For the build, architect David Sebastian opted to retain all of the old stone walls and wooden beams, adding to the structure with complementing materials such as ceramic tiles, brick, concrete, and recycled timber. "All of the old materials we found in the barn were reused," he says. "Much of the wood was used to construct the doors, windows, and interior divisions, such as balustrades and shutters."

At the center of the house there is now an internal covered patio, shaded by a new roof that links old with new—perfect for alfresco meals. Inside, the communal living and dining area (flanked by thick stone walls) has been sunk below ground level to help keep the space cool in the heat of the day. →

← Looking through the central patio
→ The barn's updated exterior

