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WHEN THE BUDGET IS LOW IDEAS BRAVE HOMES CHEAP AND COOL

All over the world for the last ten years, brave young architects have been building low budget architecture and turning the lack of money into a creative opportunity. The economic difficulties of recent years, together with the growing culture of large parts of the developing world, have made space for a new vision of architecture, where sobriety becomes glamorous and the technical and creative skill of the best young architects produces new kinds of buildings: less opulent and more intelligent, less luxurious but cosier and more approachable.



THE BOOK

This reduced opulence leads to better architecture, to a new avant-garde, perhaps, that is preparing the aesthetic background for the next wave of sustainable, ecological, energy-saving architecture that will dominate the scene in the near future. By polishing, simplifying, inventing, using new and old materials and rejecting superfluous decoration and gimmicks, these buildings bear witness to a new mentality, one that is ready to forge a new world. This book presents a collection of samples of beautiful architecture, finding relationships, illuminating contexts, looking for the specific invention and grace in each of them, profiling each architect and illustrating each place and each technique, and focusing on every element and characteristic of these buildings with beautiful photographs, technical drawings and texts.

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