

Tom's Hütte Wienerwald, Austria

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Robert Fabach
Project address: Wienerwald, Austria
Gross floor area: 28.5 sqm
Completion: 2012
Photographer: Albrecht Imanuel Schnabel



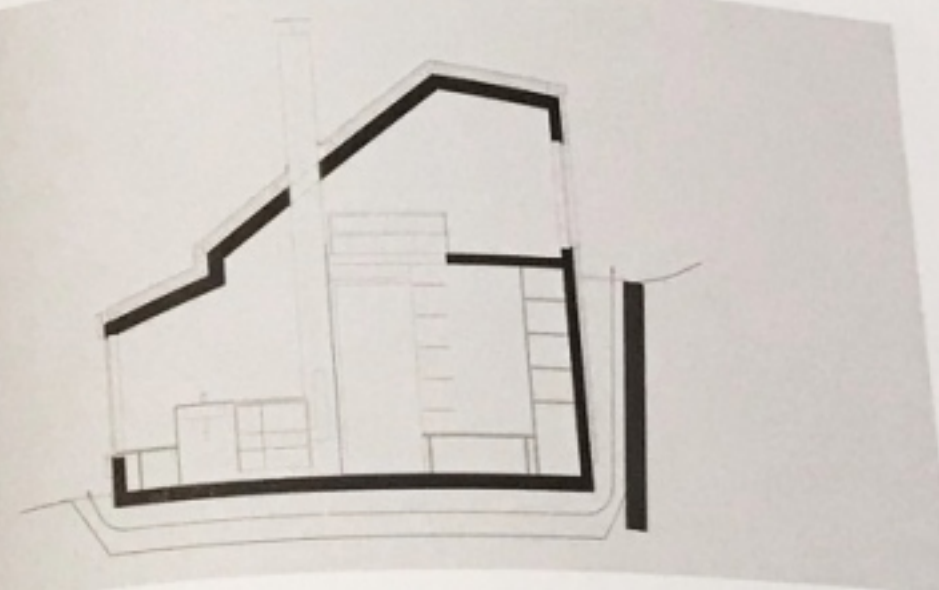
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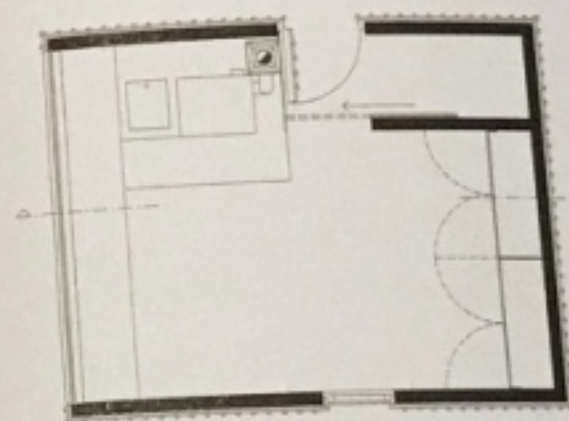
The shelter is situated at the edge of the forest in a peripheral area of the Vienna Woods. The next village is a few kilometers away. A meadow, a forested slope, leaves on the ground, rocks jutting out of the ground in some areas, a northern slope on which the snow does not melt for a long time in spring and is wonderfully cool in summer – all of this constitutes the ideal retreat from the noisy city with all its sensory overload for the owner, an Austrian song writer and coach. The simple house strongly reflects its surroundings, following the outline of its predecessor whose shape seemed to have been interwoven with the location. This is why it became the base for retelling the story of a forest hut in this location with small additions. The building was



literally designed around the person and his passions. An angular structure encases the living area of this shelter on two levels. Totally closed with only one opening on each side, the hut can be opened for various views. Prefabricated from wood, all necessities of life are found in its confined space. There is an indoor and an outdoor fireplace and water is provided by a spring on the lot. There is no electricity and only a simple stove for cooking and heating. The folding shutter on the window at the same time serves as a bench. The untreated wood naturally incorporates the dwelling into its natural surroundings, offering protection, rest, inner peace, and equilibrium.



Section



Ground floor plan

Rooms: kitchen/living area,
mezzanine with bed
Main materials: wood
Country of manufacture: Austria