

# HIDE AND SEEK

The Architecture of  
Cabins and Hide-Outs









## The Nest

Architect/Location: **Studio 1984**  
**Alsace, France**

This project stands as a residential prototype developed for a sustainable housing exhibition. Built with just € 10,000, the nestlike dwelling presents a life off the grid and an architecture that minimally impacts the land. Inspired by the vernacular constructions in the area, the micro cabin's familiar shape and texture pay homage to traditional barns while capturing their discreet charm. Such a pastoral inclination dictates the choice of widely available, locally sourced materials including bales of straw and wood. The one-room shack incorporates a floor to ceiling picture window and glass entry door to admire the pastoral views of the meadow just outside. A lesson in tranquility and simplicity, the endearing pavilion offers a refreshing alternative to the hectic quality of contemporary life.

