

Design Jewels

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Stefania and Piotr's studio situated on the right side of Warsaw is an experimental and artistic place for living and working. Its owner Piotr - founder of „smallna” design&build company and vintage gallery - is changing space constantly, providing new solutions before using them in his projects. The space is a kind of mock up, full of objects for testing. Samples of new designed furniture and pure vintage classics are mixed together. Ever-changing Interior is about Piotr's passion for industrial design - his collection of most desired furniture such as Ron Arad, Gaetano Pesce, Paolo Piva, Mario Botta, Yrjo Kukkapuro, Warren Platner, Arne Jacobsen, Jean Prouve and tens of other icons of XX-XXI century design. They are combined with Piotr's sculptures, light installations and other artists's artworks.

Old tenement house provides historic touch and patina, but the minimalistic solutions make this flat functional in different way.

You will notice it under shower: one is placed behind yellow tramway doors from 60's: „the idea came during renovation of the old Apartment when I uncovered steel beams supporting „Klein” ceiling, they look like tram rails, but upside down. I have added a few artifacts to this story such as rotating numbers from Hungarian vintage tramway, tram ceiling lights, train connector from Istanbul train station that works as a handle”

Another shower is walk-through, not walk in. „This idea came from the party time: the shower is placed in the wall between kitchen and living room. It is common that the best parties are run in kitchen sometimes so you have direct access to your friends sitting in the living room. The curtains stick to the wet walls and actually the area is closed only during taking shower. Open, walk-through shower provides freedom of movement and another way of communication.

The third shower is connected with one of a kind experimental, custom made bathtub created for one of my projects and my studio as well, „I appreciate its lightness and „supporting” it Charlotte Perriand's lamps.” - Piotr admits.

The washbasin is made of 150 kg steel tube” and placed against special window „It is really funny watching an elevator moving behind this window during washing hands”

There is plenty of surprising solutions in this studio such as „red box” that looks like a lightened building's corner and hides toilet inside with movable red plastic wall.