

Not Too Serious

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designed by owner Paulina Ada Kalińska

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Paulina and Darek filled their 100m² apartment with objects with history. Some of them were ripped off the skin, others were cut into slices. – I have a rule that I do not take life or design too seriously – says Paulina Ada Kalińska, interior designer, photoshoot stylist and founder of the Loft 37 company producing hand-sewn shoes. They chose the materials, including an oiled oak plank or grey tiles for the floor, with nonchalance rarely seen in renovators. Instead of waiting months for their dream orders, they took what was available in stock. They creatively used rejected things: old windows, Prussian demolition bricks or a worn-out chair from an old cinema. The owner compares a hundred-year-old table on wheels to a piano: it brings people together, creates mood and scratches the floor. Around there are chairs of various designs and colours, including the blue model A 5910 (Fameg) and the black Ironica (Ton). The vintage atmosphere is created by the Workshop lamp (HK Living) and the lamp that hides the projector. The grey sideboard was made of old windows from the Jabłkowski Brothers downtown building. The concrete column is a remnant of the wall that was demolished. Bakelite switches and cables running on the wall emphasise the loft character of the interior. The concrete island was poured in place, its rough top was covered with a colourless varnish. – The decision to live here came spontaneously. We were captivated by the height of the interior (3.6 meters) and the spacious, 100-meter garden connected with the neighbours' gardens – says Paulina.