

150 Best Loft Ideas



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Soest Water Tower

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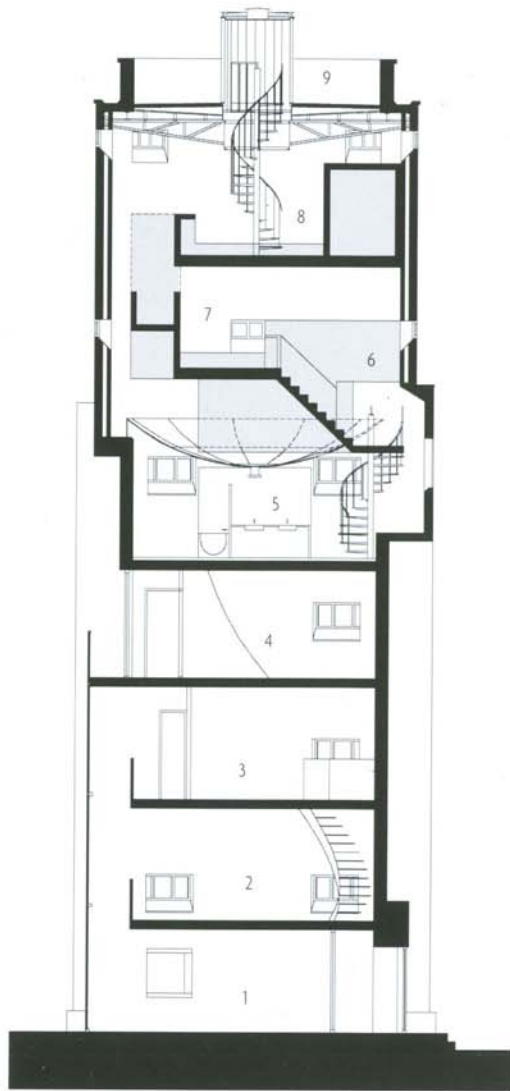
Location: Soest,

The Netherlands

Date of construction: 2004

Photography: Jeroen Musch

This Dutch water tower, which dates from 1931, was converted into an unparalleled twenty-first-century home spread over nine levels. The architects faced many challenges: letting more daylight in; strengthening the relationship with the back courtyard, maintaining the interior's industrial characteristics; and in the tower, ensuring an effective, efficient layout for several small round rooms that lay one on top of the other, while preserving the tower's spaciousness.



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| 2. Living room | 7. Parents' live and work area |
| 3. Playroom/Guest bedroom | 8. Parents' bedroom |
| 4. Children's bedroom | 9. Roof terrace |
| 5. Bathroom | |

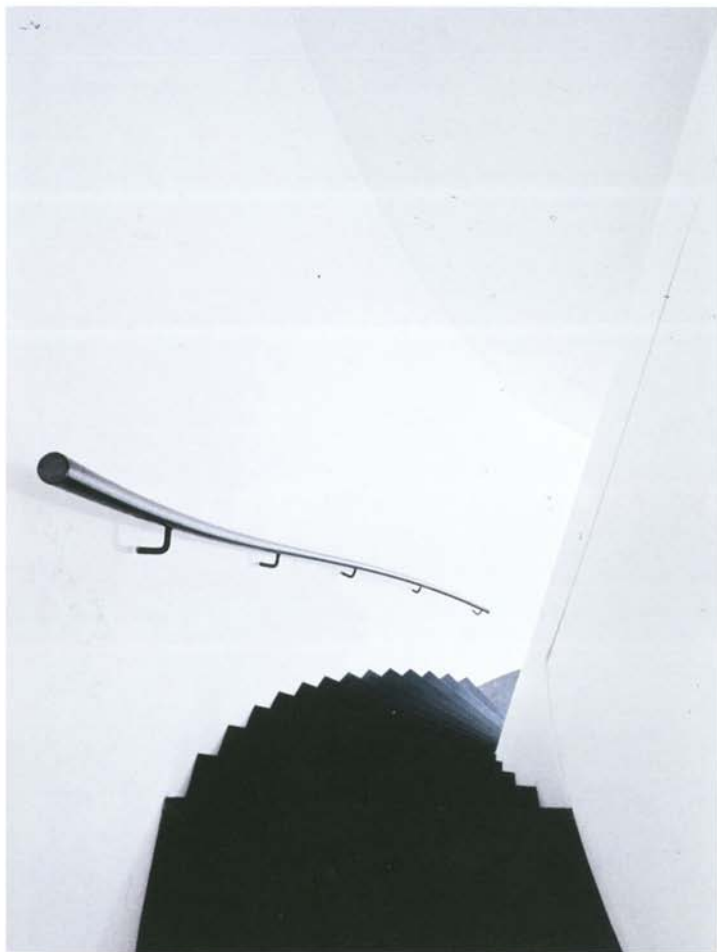
Section





The steel bottom of the original water reservoir divides the tower space in half. The bottom, with the bathroom, living room, and children's room, is mainly reserved for daytime use.



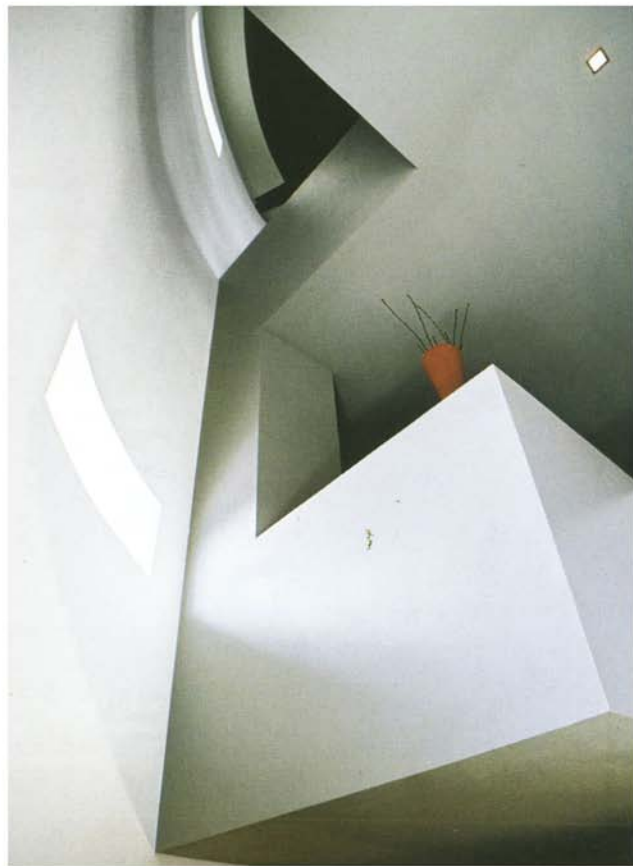


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Floor plans

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By exteriorizing the three-story-high facade, the architects created a void so that different levels can be openly connected.



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Angular volumes for sleeping, working, and reading functions built into the original water reservoir underscore the cylindrical shape.

