

Chalet Cocagne

VALAIS

In the French speaking region of the Swiss Alps, just on the edge of a small village and down a steep and winding lane surrounded by farms, lies Chalet Cocagne. Originally built in the 1970s in the traditional architectural style of the region, Chalet Cocagne was in desperate need of up-dating.

The new owners, an American family recently relocated to Switzerland, recognized the potential of the property, and fell in love with the bucolic landscape and the sweeping alpine views. They wanted to retain the coziness of a traditional Swiss chalet- warm, cheerful, inviting- while embracing the incredible outdoor scenery.

Our response was to harness the natural beauty of the location, both literally and figuratively, to create a rustic chic oasis. Opening up the floor plan and framing the mesmerizing views with larger windows and doors helped to bring the natural light and the outdoors in. A subtly colored textile palette echoes that of the surroundings.

The decor choices were strongly influenced by the surrounding landscape and ecological sensitivity, creating a feeling of harmony with the outdoors. Naturally dyed fabrics inspired by the alpine palette using our own dying process, bespoke lime plaster colors developed with our Belgian painters, locally sourced wood and stone, and reclaimed pieces of all sorts are just a few of the aspects of this eco-friendly home.



Every element was carefully selected with sustainability in mind- from a table made from an ancient beehive and local wool upholstery, to reclaimed mercury mirrors and antique stone sink basins to the custom fabric dyes we created from foraged plants and flowers. Even the dining room light fixture, made from reclaimed zinc and wooden birds suggests this connection with nature and contributes to the comfort and coziness of a modern home.

Residential Project
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LIVING ROOM:

Bespoke Belgium linen and Wool sofa (in custom “orange” dye). Bespoke modern looking coffee table made with reclaimed wood. Vintage Penguin chair by Theo Ruth (reupholstered in our custom “chardon” dye). Bespoke ceramics by Jane Paasch ceramics. Ceramic standing lamp by Artist Jos Devriendt. Vintage Charlotte Perriand stool.

Limestone paint in our bespoke “orange” warm grey.

KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM:

Bespoke bar stools with local wool sits. “Dada” Kitchen.

Kitchen with reclaimed local barn wood.

Bespoke dining table with old oak. Bespoke dining chairs with loose covers in our custom color fabrics (“lupin 1”, “lupin 2” and “bleuet” dyes). Pendant light made from old zinc and wood bird figures.

SUNROOM:

Bespoke daybed in Bute wool. Vintage Wall lights from Raak. Side table, 19th century Beehive. Linen Bench in custom “Chardon” dye.

MASTER BEDROOM:

Bespoke bed in oak reclaimed beams, primitive alpine chairs.

Mushroom side lamps carved in pine wood.

Headboard in wool and linen custom “Chardon” dye .

Limestone paint in our bespoke “Marguerite” yellow.

BEDROOM 2:

Bespoke Bed upholstered in wool and linen in our custom “September Aster” dye. Bespoke linen lounge chair. Hemp and linen rug.

Limestone paint in our bespoke “ardoise” brown.

TV ROOM:

Bespoke linen sofa and ottoman in our “ardoise” custom dye. Vintage

Hans Agne Jakobson copper lamp. Primitive alpine round table.

Limestone paint in our custom “copper” brown.