



FINE FOUNDATIONS

One creative Dutch couple have lovingly converted a historic countryside barn into a contemporary family home

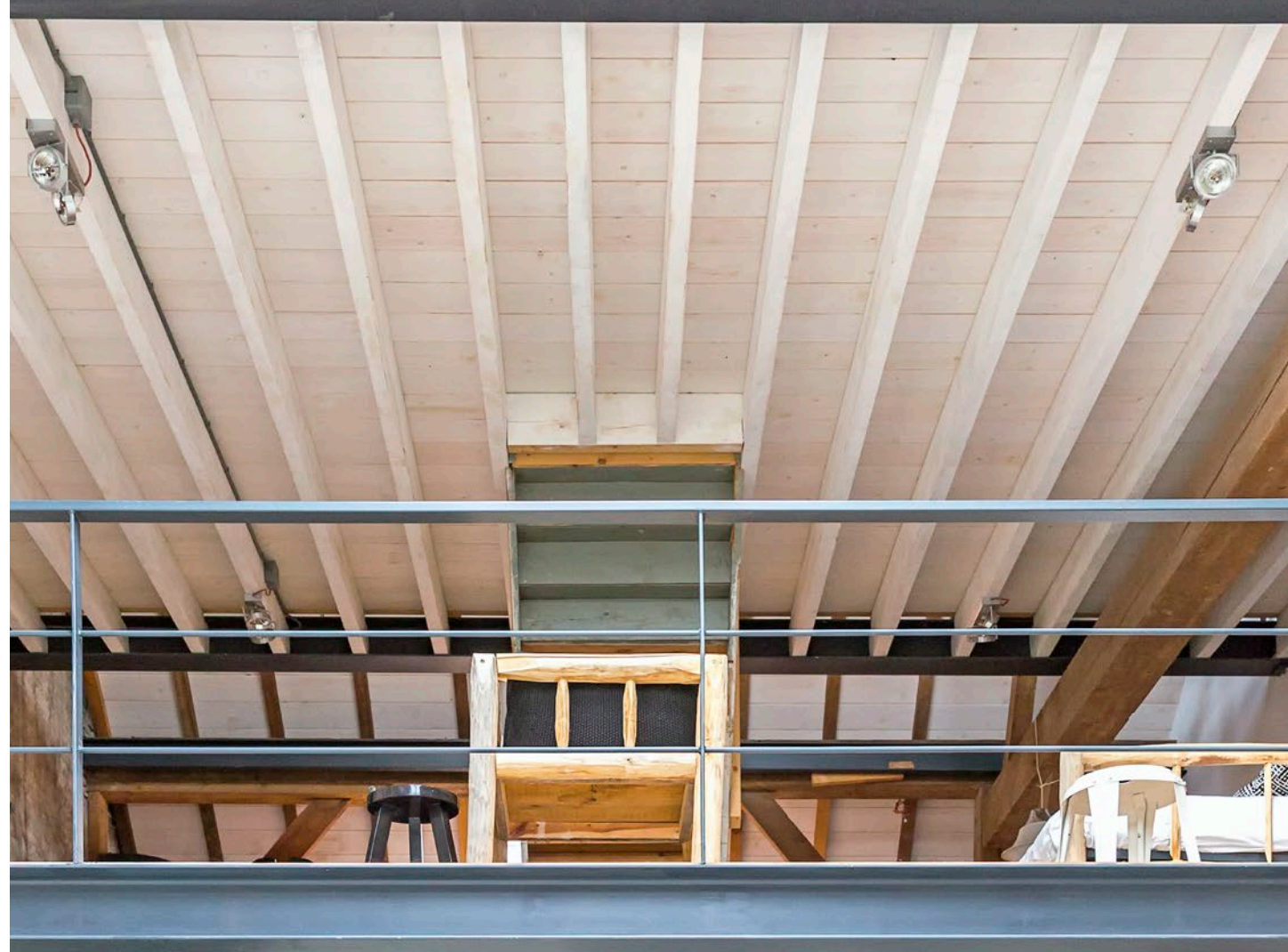
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WARMING UP

Natural light illuminates the double-height living area, which has a concrete floor hand-poured by the owner, Jan. A cylindrical woodburning stove sits in the living area beside a basket of freshly chopped wood, while a warming sheepskin rug creates a cosy corner in the relaxed open-plan area



MODERN MOOD

A wooden worktop frames high-gloss kitchen cabinets, offset with industrial elements such as exposed lighting and a distressed wooden door, and shows how old and new have been cleverly combined. The dining room beyond has an open and relaxed feel, with clam blue walls and vintage plates for decoration. A cross-section of the house gives a view of the ground floor and mezzanine level, which has divided up the large barn and created bedrooms on the first floor



BARE BEAUTY

Inspired by a spa that Mijke once visited, the bathroom in the small old farmhouse (now connected to the huge barn behind, when the couple took down a wall) has a freestanding bath with contemporary fixtures and fittings, while the exposed brick wall retains the industrial look





TONE & TEXTURE
With a soaring ceiling showing the original timber beams, a studio space has been created in another of the outbuildings. Handmade furniture and layered throws and cushions mix to make a comfortable den 🐾

