



Hackney Design Awards 2014



BLACKBOX



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Architect: **Form_art Architects**
Client: **Alison McLellan**
Contractor: **Famella Building Contractors**
Address: **2b Culford Mews, N1 4DX**

About the project

The idea of the mews is the starting point for Blackbox. In contrast to the traditional mews architecture of solid brick enclosures with tiny windows and little daylight, this design is filled with light, but still respects the contextual language of a 'solid box'.

The design features of the entrance courtyard and staircase are key to the light penetrating into the heart of the house. As a result of the area given over to the courtyard, the ephemeral qualities created are 'borrowed' back in terms of the light and views, with the internal staircase serving as a journey up Blackbox right through to the skylight. This can best be described as the layering of views and the 'bouncing' of light within the house.

The designer is also the client and hence, there is an uncompromised approach from initial design through to completion.

For more information about the scheme and the architect visit:
www.formartarchitects.co.uk

Judge's Comments

"The Judges were impressed by this exquisitely finished project. The use of space is very clever as is the penetration of light into the interior of the house. It is an object of beauty and a fine example of attention to detail and the use of quality materials."