

Problem solving quality



Image: house 9x9
(Source: Titus Bernhard Architects, Augsburg)

Enforce it

There is a famous house on the Internet. House 9x9. An ingenious architect -Titus Bernhard - (should be remembered) invited me to a conversation. He was looking for a manufacturer who could follow his ideas and not immediately say: impossible, it's not possible, it's not worth it, too elaborate, can't be done, etc.

He had a vision that thrilled. A house, completely wrapped in stone, with a sloping pyramid roof. What a challenge, I was thrilled and convinced it would make a splash. (Of course, he picked up his prize with it at the Venice Architecture Biennale).

But at that time, we were not yet ready. Before you can put up something groundbreaking in our country, you first have to overcome the hurdles of the bureaucracy, which, as befits a bureaucracy, says in a preconceived way: "No, nothing avant-garde, not in our "little country", since we've been doing it that way for centuries.

So we lay in wait on a Friday with our scout, the architect; stone supplier, wire basket supplier and installation company, ready to strike on a weekend and hang said house 9x9 with stone baskets, relying on the fact that the red tape remains in the stable on the weekend and on Monday, when already almost everything is ready, can only neigh about the wicked deed.

But then at 9:00 in the morning - surprise - came the no longer expected approval and so we hung, contrary to expectation quite officially, the architectural gem in Stadtbergen called House 9x9 with stone baskets and left the architectural world something with which architecture magazines could be filled meaningfully, which subsequently gave the visionaries involved some lucrative orders from people who liked this way of building, to the annoyance of the Augsburg civil servants, just also.

Today, these stone baskets embellish some wonderful structures, from cladding bored pile walls on the highway to a hoard for million-dollar artifacts, a Fort Knox for valuables.

Conclusion:

Push through it - if it's good and an asset.

yours

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Image: casket for valuables