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All Together Now

Meet Flight and Flow, graduation projects designed to unite myriad functions in one volume: a Lilliputian fold-out bathroom and a kitchen-cum-recycling plant that makes your wildest eco-dreams a reality.

Words Ellen Rutten

Who Biotic Kitchen

Who John Arndt

UB40 may have taught us to fix that rat in the kitchen, but the kitchen worm is a radically different story. It may not make it into every household on the block, but the worm has glorious prospects in the field of kitchen technology, if we're to judge from a master's project presented by Dutch Design Academy student John Arndt. Flow, aka The Kitchen of Terrestrial Mechanics, inventively extends autarkic concepts à la Schie's Free Range Kitchen. It consists of a dish rack and counter with recessed sink beneath a row of moisture-absorbent clay pots for storing onions, grains and bread. A few pots contain fresh herbs, which are watered by dishes draining in the rack. An evaporative cooler at one side of the counter holds fruit, vegetables and dairy products. Cutting-edge climax is a litterbin, home to – there they are! – compost-process-



Photo Bernard Gardell

STUDENTS

Who Tub for the Tightly Housed

Who Isabelle Hauser

With great enthusiasm, today's top-notch sanitary labels offer massive tubs and high-tech showers. Isabelle Hauser comments on the contrast between this trend and everyday reality – where 'living conditions aren't as luxurious' – in a project underlining her graduation from the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland in Aarau. Supported by a metal frame and made from hard foam, Flight combines washstand and shower. Tilt the upper section of the shower, however, and the unit becomes a bathtub. Its tidy dimensions – the unit is a mere 215 x 180 x 60 cm (h x l x w) – belie a surprising range of features, including gas springs that function as both braking mechanism and hand grips, a magnetic shower head that sticks to any metal surface, a drawer concealing a power outlet and drainpipes, and an all-purpose lamp. Should Flight eventually be manufactured, this little bathing haven will capture the fancy of space-savers everywhere.

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ing worms whose castings are fed to the herbs. The weak-hearted may pass on this one, but Arndt's small-scale symbiotic system surely opens new horizons in energy-saving kitchen design.

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