

BOOK OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES

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28. RAILWAY HOUSE SANTPOORT / ZECC ARCHITECTS

While many structures are forced to marry old buildings with new designs, most do not do so quite as masterfully as can be seen in this converted railway cottage near Santpoort-Noord in North Holland.

The house, as designed by Zecc Architects, is truly a study in contrast. The newer additions to the house are long and angular, in sharp opposition to the aging cottage that remains squat and textured. The glass and steel materials used throughout the new pieces of the building are also distinctly modern and almost harsh against the surrounding natural area that includes grasses, shells, and wood.

The design here plays with the opposition between interior and exterior, with the home's additions piercing through the cottage and the outer walls of the old building acting as interior walls in this new configuration.

The outdoor spaces themselves are intimate and feel almost as though they belong inside. This includes a small patio as well as a living area with retractable windows that open up into the quiet countryside.





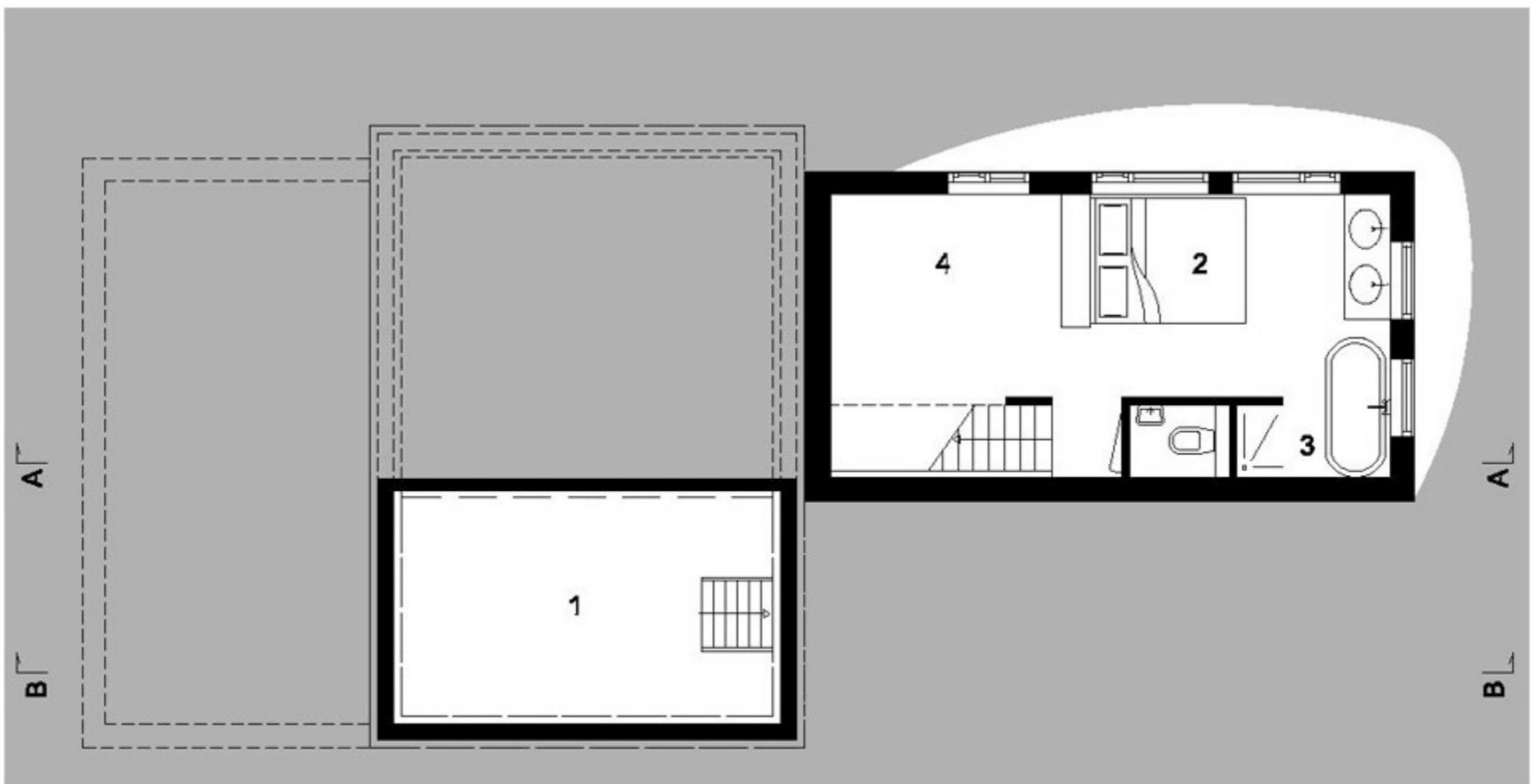
Massive sliding doors make it possible to enjoy the rural surroundings from the comfort of the



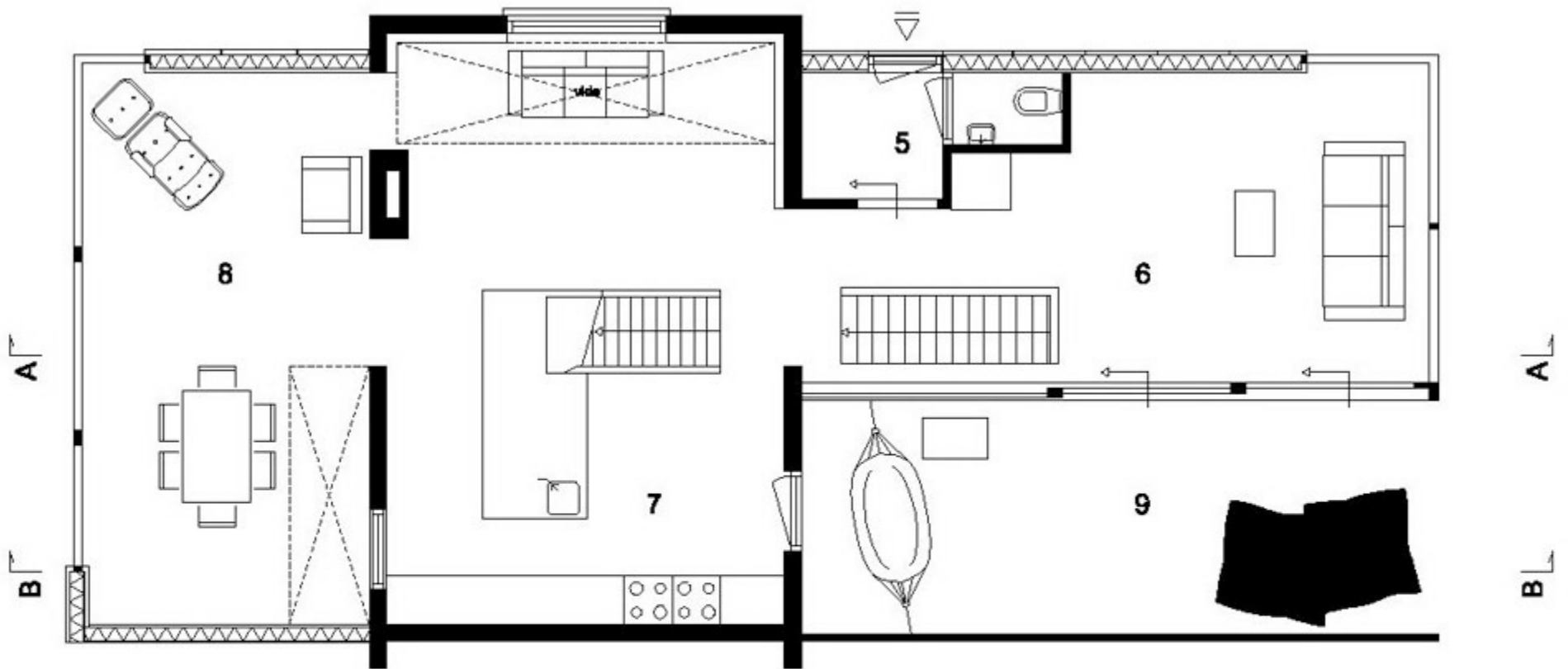
The original brick walls give an entirely unique texture to the new elements that surround them.



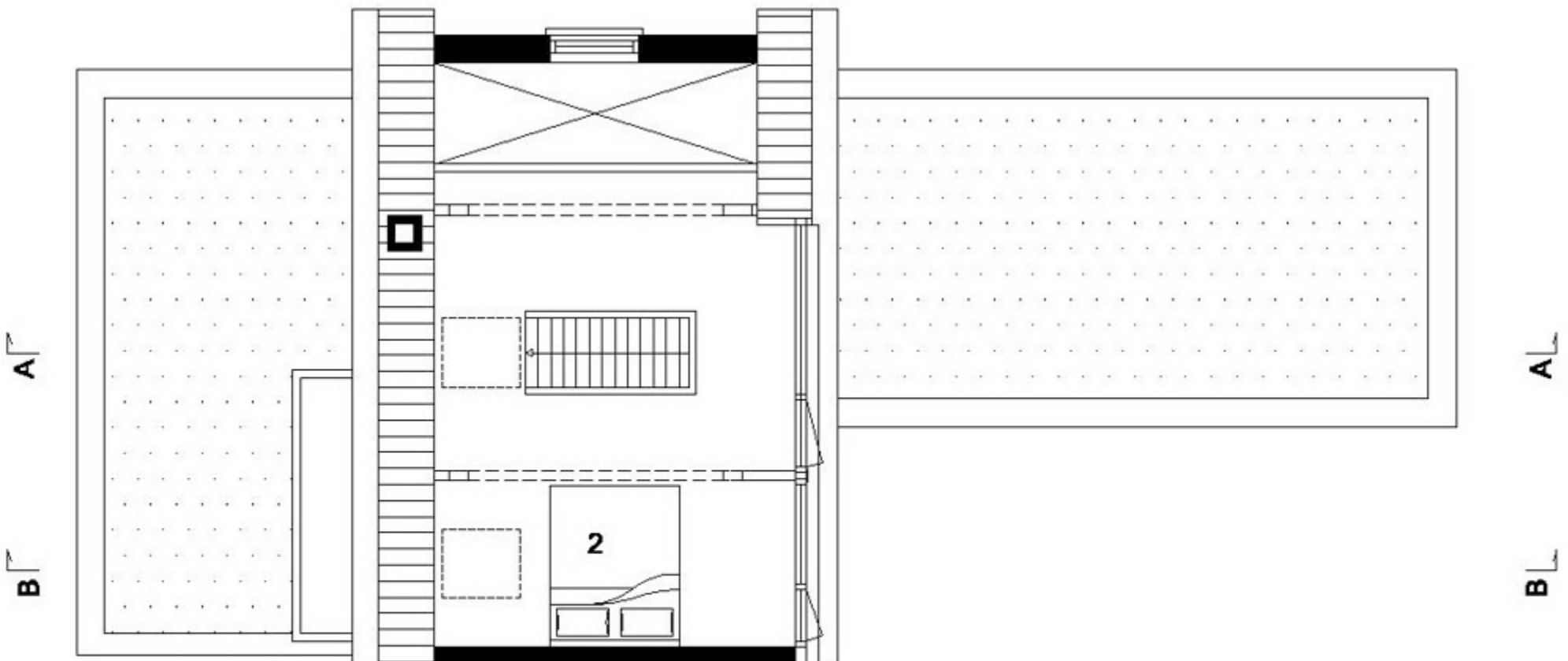




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