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SKIGARD HYTTE

Fåvang, Norway



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On top of a mountain in Kvitfjell resort of Fåvang, Norway, is a regular grid of 45 wooden columns. The columns lift a 144-square-meter cabin 1.5 meters above the ground, allowing native grasses that sheep and cows graze on to grow below. The columns are clad with skigard, a long and narrow, quarter cut tree log that is traditionally laid out diagonally by Norwegian farmers as fencing. The roof is overgrown with the same native grasses found on the ground below and on century's old Norwegian buildings. The cabin is accessed through a series of wide wooden steps that lead to a veranda which frames the view of a valley and river below. Internally, the wood cabin is divided along its length into four smaller spaces, each housed under a frustum ceiling capped with a skylight. The spaces are scaled intimately but open visually and physically to the landscape below and a small grove of trees the cabin is nestled in.

