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ARCHITECTURE

The house that clutter forgot

Lamp was oblivious to the chemistry between Sofa and Settee

Italian architect Antonino Cardillo embraces minimalism in cavernous Barcelona pad

We'd all like a bit more space around the house. We're not talking *Changing Rooms*-style wall hangings and naff *tromp l'oeils* – we mean golf club-swinging, echo-inducing caverns that make you wish you'd mastered acrobatic gymnastics whenever you walk into them.

This is precisely what Rome-based architect Antonino Cardillo was aiming for when he created the House of Convexities, which sits just outside Barcelona and was completed this May with a price tag of £1m. Inspired by his travels to Cuba and Spain, it's a space that constantly changes perspective as you move through its rooms. The building is huge (its two levels are just under a mammoth 4,000 sq ft), but dividing walls have been forsaken for undisturbed space, which makes clutter almost impossible. The master bedroom is located inside the giant swirl dominating the living area, accessed by two separate staircases, while the kitchen is cunningly slotted on out on a right-hand limb, close to the dining area, seen in the distance.

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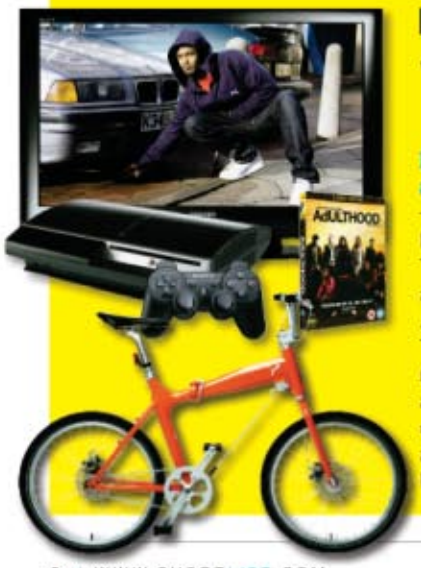
Cardillo employs some illusory tactics, such as bringing light from unexpected corners of the house, to create different silhouettes throughout the day – which, we think you'll agree, is hardly comparable to Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen hanging mirrors at jaunty angles.

Antoninocardillo.com



COMPETITION

Win a £1,000 bike, HD TV and Blu-ray goodies

PlayStation 3, 42" Toshiba screen and *Adulthood* DVD up for grabs

Bikes? They're all the rage, we heard. That's why we've decided to give one away to tie in with the release of *Adulthood* on DVD on 13 October. The lucky winner will not only receive a Blu-ray copy of the film, a HD-ready Toshiba TV and PS3 on which to watch it, but they will also get their hands on a Puma Urban Mobility Glow Rider bike.

Now, if you're currently cursing this new trend in silly names, hang fire – there's more to it than an extended moniker. The steel frame collects sun rays in the day and glows in the dark when night falls.

It's also used in Noel Clarke's film that boasts enough guns, knives, sex and drugs to give a your great aunt a heart attack. Danny Dyer stars and there's a soundtrack featuring Kate Nash, Bashy, Wiley and Dizzee Rascal.

To enter, email: competitions@shortlist.com – writing *Adulthood* in the subject box – by 16 October with the answer to this embarrassingly simple question...

What was the title of 2006's precursor to *Adulthood*?

a) *Boyz In The Hood*
b) *Kidulthood*
c) *Robin Hood: Prince Of Thieves*

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STYLE

Hackett and Aston Martin join fashion forces

Preppy designer and iconic car maker create luxury racing collection

Hackett, a brand defined by its collegiate style, has teamed up with Aston Martin, noted for its tailored elegance and links to James Bond, to produce a new range of clothes and accessories. Like Pimm's and croquet, or bowler hats and ironed copies of *The Times*, they dovetail so well together it makes you long for those days of ridiculous formality and clipped accents.

Hackett, which also sponsors Aston Martin Racing, has now moved on to produce high-performance outerwear, luxury knitwear and accessories.

This autumn's collection features innovative jackets (pictured below) that use Italian fabric supplier Loro Piana's Storm System – a unique fabric blend of wool and nylon with waterproof and breathable properties. The collection's lightweight garments serve as a second skin, and feature a patented state-of-the-art manufacturing process called 'Zero Seams' technology.

Accessories include an umbrella, cufflinks, travel bag, key ring and, er, helmet, all taking their sartorial lead from the racing car's signature details. Prices for the leather jacket hit the £800 mark, whereas the umbrella retails for a more modest £150.

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