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# Apartment Building in Copenhagen - Noerrebro



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Kristina Rasmussen and Oliver Alexander Cook ditched the idea of a roof terrace when they realised that, with the right roof windows from VELUX, they could give their new loft conversion the feel of a balcony all year round.



Today, the family uses its new living room as a den of light beneath the roof, where any winter blues are chased away thanks to the big skies and city views.

## Light therapy beneath the roof

For Kristina Rasmussen, the dream of a roof terrace came to life when her family were given the opportunity to add another floor to their loft apartment in the Copenhagen district of Nørrebro. The property needed a new roof, and as new parents to baby Otto, Kristina and Oliver could certainly use some extra space in their little two-room flat on the 5th floor.

The loft rooms above them became vacant, and who wouldn't want a roof terrace?

"Our architect, Lasse Grønnerup Johannesen from Werkt, just said 'OK, that sounds nice, but have you considered just how much space you'd be devoting to a terrace that you'd only ever use in the summer?' And when you add to that the fact that we live in Denmark and not the South of France, it was easy to see what he meant," Kristina explains.

Instead, the architect proposed another solution, namely the VELUX CABRIO roof window, which can be easily transformed into a roof balcony via a handle. The windows are at the dearer end of VELUX's range, so Kristina and Oliver got their thinking hats on while the cooperative association began work on renovating the roof and readying the new storey.





"We went up and had a look when they started work on the roof and suddenly we saw what a view of the whole city and of the city hall tower was waiting for us. This gave rise to a lot of new considerations about what we actually wanted to use our new storey for.

What we decided was that we wanted a living room with lots of cosy nooks and an orangery-like feeling that we could enjoy all year round.

So we went all-in and chose three VELUX CABRIO roof balconies that now make up nearly one whole side of our living room," reveals Kristina, who had watched an instructional video about the VELUX CABRIO with Oliver at Velux.dk.

"They're so clever! We didn't want it to be a great hullabaloo every time we wanted to fold them out into a balcony, and with the CABRIO it only takes a split second. We could also

see that this was a safe solution with regard to our two-year-old," she says.

The family's new living room atop the Copenhagen skyline now boasts three VELUX CABRIO balconies and all the light they provide. With the help of the architect, they have created coherence in their two-storey apartment, and even from the front door you can see the wave of daylight falling over the stairs from the new storey.





"In practice, we have windows from floor to ceiling, and that's a huge plus when you have a two-year-old. He can stand there and look out at the moon or watch the helicopter land on the roof of the National Hospital - it's our very own look-out over Copenhagen.

We can watch the colours of the city's trees change, and I feel extremely close to nature, even though we live right up here. It's unbelievably wonderful to come home after a long day at work and sit there under the roof with the sky above us. It's worth the climb all the way up to the 5th floor every day. Even with a tired two-year-old and shopping bags in tow."

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