

Today, Evelin Ilves, patron of the Home of the Year competition, congratulated the winners of the competition in Tallinn Town Hall.

“I remember a number of quite posh, yet minimalist Scandinavian designer homes, which completely enchanted our interior architects five years ago, when we first sat down with the panel of judges of the Home of the Year, launched by home magazine Kodukiri. Little by little, the number of homes built by people themselves and their families have found their way into the competition. I would describe 2011 as a Self-made Nice Nest,” Evelin Ilves told.

“If you know that the warmth of your own hands is accumulated in the walls of your homes, this very warmth will make your home your fortress. But what’s most important – good kids, good people and dear companions come from good homes,” she added.

Quite a number of very small homes – smaller than 30 square metres – reached the finals of the competition, stated Evelin Ilves at today’s event, adding that onevery snug nest she visited was a child-friendly home, which reached through four storeys and was built into one of the old houses in the Pelgulinna district.

The most beautiful home hides itself in a regular Hrutschov period house – its owners, Katri Tühane and Timo Heering, have converted a typical three-room apartment beyond recognition. The public vote award went to a student from Tartu, Catherine Karu, whose small apartment stood out with a number of space-saving solutions.

This was the 15th Home of the Year competition, organised by home magazine Kodukiri.

Winners:

Home of the Year award, 3,200 Euros from K-rauta:

Katri Tühane and **Timo Heering** from Tallinn

People's favourite, 650 Euros from K-rauta:

Catherine Karu from Tartu

Award for the Home with the Best Ambience, 1,000 Euros from Seesam Insurance:

Kaja Kaasik from Tallinn

The Most Beautiful Kitchen Award, 1,000 Euros from Arens:

Marit Kutser and **Andres Arro** from Nõmme, Tallinn

Award for the Best Colour Scheme, a 650 euro gift from Caparol:

Kati and **Maiko Eenmaa** from Harjumaa

Award for a Smart Solution, a 650 euro gift from Caparol:

Kristi Mägi and **Priit Sepp** from Kuressaare

Award for the Most Child-friendly Home, a 650 euro gift from Caparol:

Kaja Kaasik from Tallinn

Award for the Most Attractive Textiles, a 650 euro gift from Disain Digesto:

Katri Tühane and **Timo Heering** from Tallinn

Award for the Best Lighting Solution, a 650 euro gift from Hektor Light:

Merike and **Erkki Leego** from Tartu

Bathroom Award, 650 Euros from Ifö:

Kristi Mägi and **Priit Sepp** from Kuressaare

Young Family's Home Award, 650 Euros from Jysk:

Ingrid Sune and **Marek Mardisoo** from Tartu

The Most beautiful Garden, garden tour to England from Astellaria travel agency:

Merike and **Erkki Leego** from Tartu

Special award for Home Garden Playground, a 250 euro gift from Jysk:

Kati and **Maiko Eenmaa** from Harjumaa

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