

## DIY: video A

A year ago, Eric Audo and Gilles Broccard left everything. Friends, family and their city, Lyons. Giving it all up for this house near Aix-en-Provence. They are working on a project together: having groups, families or young people in difficulty, to stay. A welcoming house for people to meet each other. A half-restored house that has needed a lot of work.

Eric: "We've worked on the house... pretty, pretty extensively because the entrance was in quite a state of disrepair. The stairs for example...had old grey-brown paint and a lighter grey here and the ceilings were beginning to fall in."

Nathalie: "Can I use the familiar way of speaking with you?"

Eric: "No problem, please do!"

Nathalie: "Can you show me the first floor?"

Eric: "Let's go!"

"So here we are on the first floor. This is our private area, our two bedrooms, the bathroom, the corridor, which still needs to be redone, although that's for later. At the moment we're renovating the second floor. If you'd like to follow me!"

Nathalie: "So explain to me where we are, what you're doing now and what you will be doing?"

Gilles: "Well this is a whole project here! We're on the second floor here and the plan is to make it a bit more independent from the rest of the house, made up of two bedrooms and a room between the two bedrooms that we hope to make into a kitchenette with access to water, so as to make it a bit more of an independent and self-contained unit within the house."

Nathalie: "When do you think you will finish this second floor?"

Eric: "We had planned to finish it in eight days! It will never be finished in eight days!"

Nathalie: "Oh! It really is a lot of work! What an amount of work!"

Eric: "Ah! It would be better if instead of asking us all these questions you helped us do the work eh!"

Eric: "In the other part of the house, there's a lot of work to do. There's a barn with a stable underneath it and the barn's floor needs redoing. So we'll have to start by breaking up the floor and getting a firm to redo it so that the barn can be used as a dormitory for groups of young people. But it still needs so many major jobs done to it: wiring, plumbing and masonry and we'll just continue slogging away - so that's it! On that note I better carry on eh? Sorry but...!"