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## IDEAS FOR STAIRCASES

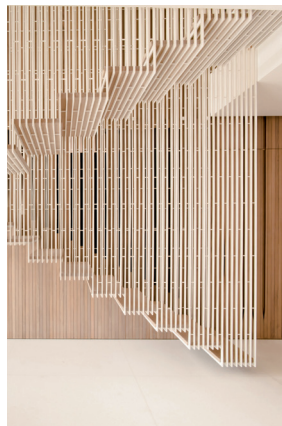
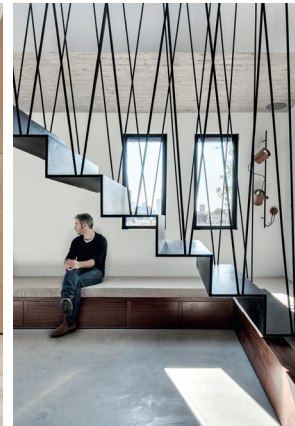
No longer is a staircase  
just a way to get  
to the next floor

**Florida Street Staircase**  
by James Davies at Paper  
House Project. "By opening  
up the enclosed stairwell and  
incorporating the vertical  
circulation into the central  
atrium, we were able to add  
space, light and volume to  
the main living areas. The  
industrial aesthetic of the  
original building has also  
been preserved."





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**Casa Garcias by Carlos Armando del Castillo at Warm Architects**

"A concrete staircase to act as a focal point and protagonist for the entrance lobby for the house. There is an interesting contrast between the strength of concrete and the lightness of shape. It is strong, durable and designed to meet ergonomic standards and stand beautifully by itself."

**Floating staircase by Tsuyoshi Kobayashi for Another Apartment**

"A staircase designed to blend with its environment. Made of wood and steel, it has been created to fit into any environment."

**Hill house by Hampson Williams Architecture**

"It is folded and welded metal with hanging rods allowing it to float just above the floor. It's very robust, almost industrial and is part of a palate of materials used in the house – honest, modern and simple," says Christopher Hampson

**Wadi Penthouse by the design team at Platau**

"The staircase was conceived to be a spatial experience that emphasises lightness and visual connection between the different spaces and levels. The structure is painted steel with wooden panels for the threads," says Sandra Fern at Platau.

**McColloch Residence by Nature Humaine**

"The staircase is composed of plywood panels veneered with Russian cherry wood incorporating storage. The perforated steel of the bodyguards in a black painted steel frame makes it possible to integrate a transparency and to add depth to this sculptural element."

**St John's Wood villa by Guy Matheson at SHH Architecture & Interior Design**

"It provides an element of surprise when you walk through the front door of what appears to be a very small unassuming mews house. As well as providing strong visual interest the spiral is a very efficient use of space within what is a relatively small footprint."

**Floating Stairs from the Duplex penthouse by Gabrielle Toldeano at Toledano + Architects**

"This 100 per cent metal staircase is a sculptural element that federates the whole apartment. It is visible form all the common spaces of the Duplex."

**De Beauvoir House by Ben Cousins at Cousins and Cousins**

"Formed in thin sheet steel, the widths of each flight are maximised, while the steel balustrade becomes the structural stinger enabling each flight to cantilever from floor to floor without any intermediate support."

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