

TRANSLATION

LIVING IN A KITCH PALACE

The sisters have stored their collections in the large display cases. Boudewien: "We collect a lot, but not quite everything. We usually get things that go nicely together with the things we already have in the house." Femke and Boudewien buy their gadgets not only on rummage sales in the Netherlands, they also seize their chance during holidays abroad. Femke: "In Portugal, for example, we found really a lot. We came back jam-packed!"

The sloping walls between the dining and television room are covered with photographs of family and friends, all put in special frames. Femke: "I found most frames in a so-called 'one dollar shop' in America. They have a lot of that kind of stuff that you can buy for one dollar a piece. Well, I did a lot of shopping there. You should have seen the look on the staff's faces when I came to the checkout." Boudewien: "In the Netherlands we then started to look for similar frames for the other pictures."

Femke and Boudewien choose daring color combinations. The bright dark yellow of the walls and the doors in the dining room, and the warm red of the door frame, are recurring all through the house. Femke: "The table, the chairs and the cupboard come from a rummage sale. We fixed them up ourselves with the help of our grandfather, who is a furniture maker." "Grandpa also did most part of the painting, by the way," adds Boudewien.

In the television room a couch covered with a soft green cloth. The curtains in the dining room are made from the same material. The sides of the television are covered with plastic. Boudewien: "What do you think about the lamps on the wall? Aren't they a scream?" Femke: "With those lampshades they become especially frumpy which makes them nice again." Boudewien: "And then the chandelier! That's exactly what we want in this house."