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This pure-lined cottage stands like a cube of light in a wild Georgian Bay landscape

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SHELTER FROM THE STORM

The Shift Cottage stands like a luminous cube in the precambrian wilderness

Tucked into the ancient granite of Georgian Bay's 30,000 Islands against a line of Tom Thompson pines, the Shift Cottage is sheltered from the storms of the Great Lakes.

The lines of the cottage highlight through contrast the wind-twisted trees and heavily featured rock that make its landscape so unique. A glass bridge joins the cottage's two volumes – one containing living spaces, the other sleeping and washing areas – and a multi-level deck spans three sides.

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Window openings allow unobstructed views to the trees behind and the open water in front. The pure forms of the cottage are reinforced through material choice, including knotty cedar cladding, a standing seam metal roof, and a dry-laid stone fireplace.

Toronto-based architectural firm Superkül has won numerous awards including the Canadian Green Building Award and the International Making Cities Livable Design Award. Their Shift Cottage won the Design Exchange Award and the Wood WORKS! Design Award. [ML](#)

