



Farmhouse of Prekmurje

In the past, houses used to be built with materials from the nearby environment, and thus wood, clay, and straw were the main building materials in the Goričko. Nowadays wooden houses, called *cimprača*, plastered with clay, pounded-clay houses, called *butanca*, as well as older single-story brick houses are in great demand, since people have started to use them as weekend

retreats; the majority of the population however lives in larger brick houses.

Clay-plastered and pounded-clay houses of Prekmurje used to be covered with rye thatch which was 20 to 30 cm thick on average and could protect the house from rainfall for 10 to 15 years. It was first floor house, with small windows.

Peasant homes used to be outfitted with charming homemade furniture which has started to change and to disappear. In the past bridges used to bring beautiful pieces of furniture with them into their new homes. Home-made furniture, sparse in ornamentation, was made from the wood of fruit trees which grew under the Goričko sun.