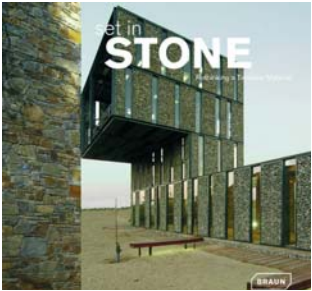


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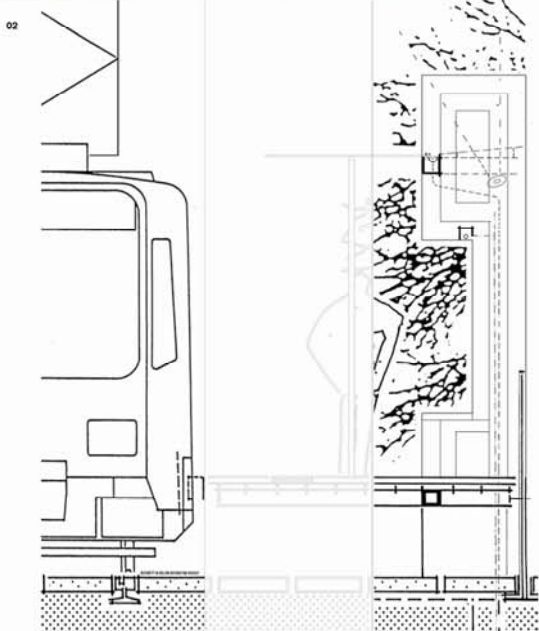


Basalt streetcar stop, 2000
Address: Bemeroder Straße 58, 30559 Hanover, Germany. **Client:** Uestra Hannover / Verlagsgesellschaft Madsack. **Gross floor area:** 420 m² (platform).
Materials: Mendiger basalt stone.

Homage to Kurt Schwitters
ARCHITECTS: Despang Architekten



This streetcar stop is located across from the gates of Hanover's largest publishing company. These "hanging" shelters are uniformly clad in basalt stone slabs, whose classic materiality counterbalance the architecture of the neighboring publishing house. The artistry and expertise of Hanoverian stonemasonry is evident in the way the basalt volcanic stone has been mounted. This somewhat austere facing is given a lighter touch by the addition of randomly arranged inlaid glass panels mounted flush and unframed alongside the natural stone panels. The glass panels are printed on the rear with fragments and individual letters from the poem "ZA (elementar)". The author, Kurt Schwitters, earned his living as a printer at the publishing house across the road.



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