

THE APARTMENT

Before we traveled to Spain in the autumn 2012, we bought this apartment in Kongsvinger. Below are the pictures that were in the ad to FINN.no.

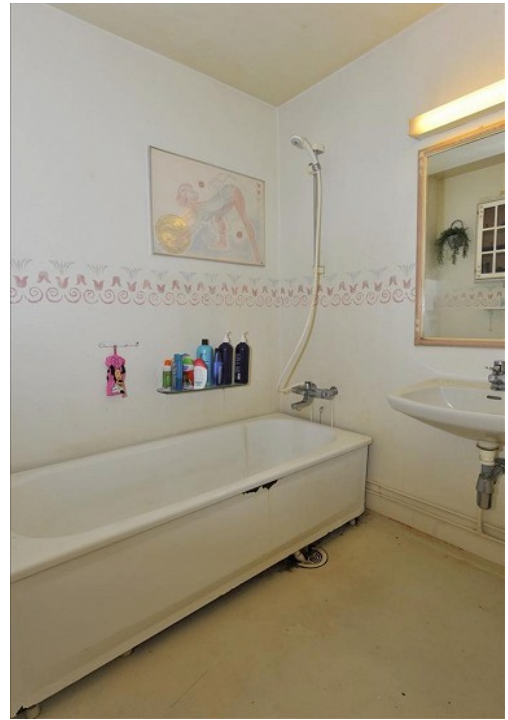


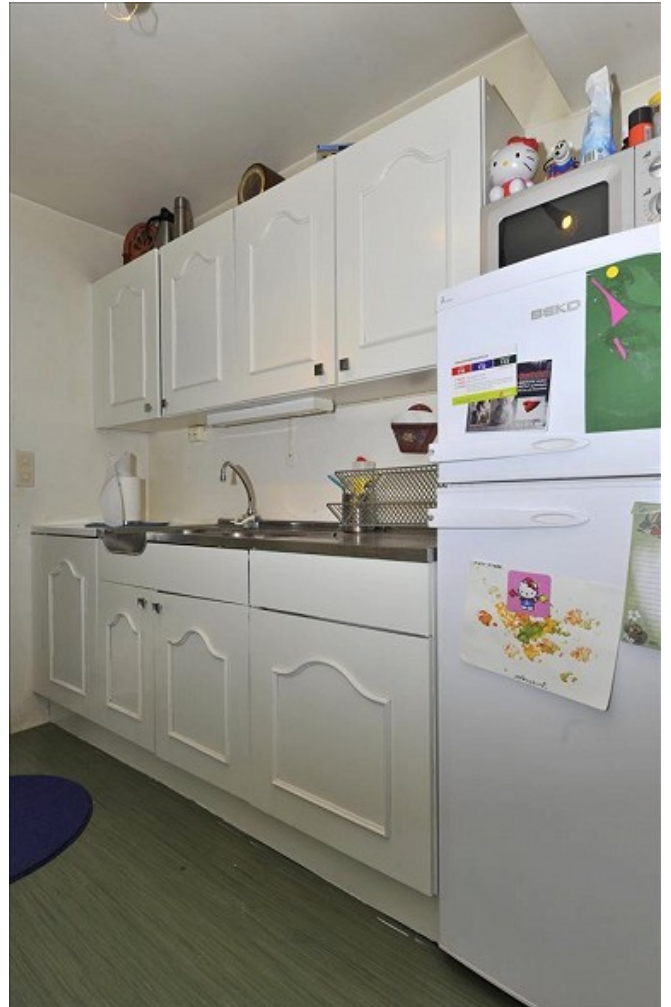
Our apartment is located here in the 3rd floor.

The apartment was for sale through KOBBL, Kongsvinger og omegn boligbyggelag AL.

The apartment belongs to Stærvegen borettslag AL.







On the basis of these images and the rest of the ad we bought the apartment unseen. The price was very cheap, but we figured that we had to brush up a bit. We took over the apartment 1 April and we were then in Kongsvinger and retrieved the keys. We had planned to move in 1 May and do renovations over time, but when we started working, we found out quickly that this was not practical. We decided then to postpone the moving in until we had finished the renovation.

It was very worn anywhere, so we decided that we were going to renovate all the rooms. We started to rip out everything, such as fixed cabinets, closets and kitchen cabinets, and even wallpaper. Nothing was usable.

We were with [Sandermoen AS](#) at [Kirkenær](#) and bought paints, fillers and various equipment. Then we began to fill in the cracks and to paint and we held out for three weeks. Then we were exhausted and we found out that we were not professional, we worked too slow and the result was not satisfactory. We gave up and left the rest of the work of Sandermoen. We also ordered flooring laminate and sheet vinyl flooring there. Then they did all the work. We were very satisfied with the job they did.



This is the beginning of April, and there is still snow on the slope behind the apartment.

The neighbors on the floor above us have hung out food for the birds.



The chimney was smeared in with a thick layer of texture paint. It was flaky and not very nicely, so I spent three days to remove the layer.



Here I am working with the removal.



There was an oven there.



The oven was not pretty, and the enamel was worn and peeling in many places. We gave away the oven to an electrician who did some electrical work for Sandermoen. We sealed the chimney opening. Currently, we are not in the apartment during the winter, and if we ever need a oven later, it is only to open up and install a new oven.



This is how it looked at Gran 13 April. There were many trips back and forth to Kongsvinger, so it was necessary to have good studded tires.



We had to have food sometimes. We bought an electric hot plate and cooked some dinner occasionally. Here is the meat pot. Chairs and tables were purchased for the occasion on [Felleskjøpet](#) at Volla.



This is out on the balcony. On the walls the paint is peeling and the railing is smeared with the same texture paint as there was on the chimney. The railing is ruined. It was originally fine anodized aluminum. We checked the possibility to get new railings in the original version, but it had cost nearly NOK 30 000. Too expensive.



This is the railing. I removed a bit of texture paint to show the thickness. Everything is mossy.



Here we are in the process of removing the cabinets. The plates on the bench was used as chopping board for many years.



Here disappears closets and the wallpaper from one of the bedrooms.



From the laundry room. A sad sight.



The bath tub is flaking and there is shit down the drain.



At a little distance it does not look so bad.



Gold paint on the faucet and pipes might have been fine sometimes.



The toilet bowl was cracked.



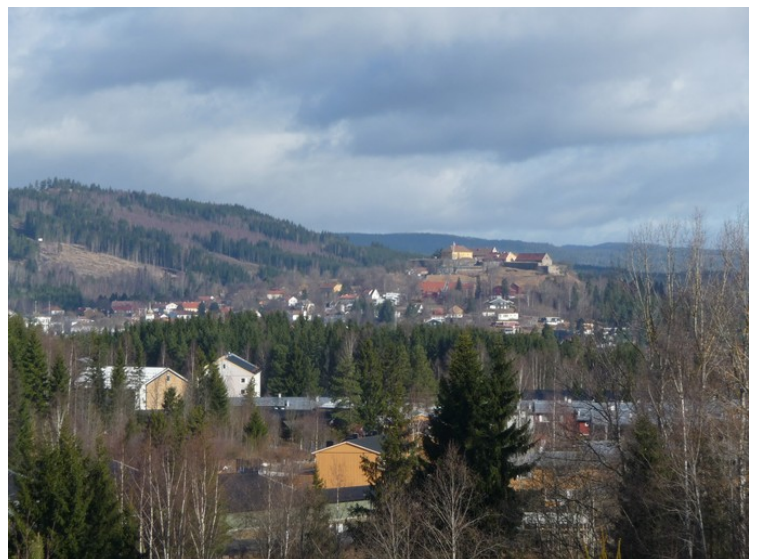
Gold paint on the trap and pipes.



We had to have food to strengthen us.

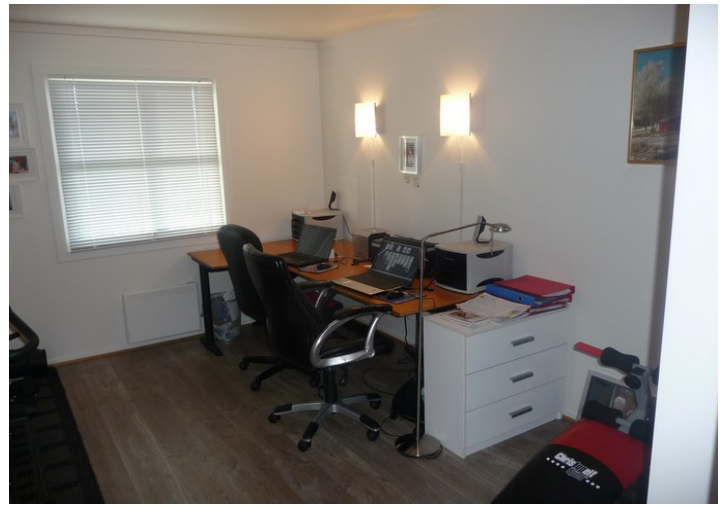


The view was nice.





Night Scene.



Here we have moved in. One bedroom has become work- and fitness room.



An ergo meter bike and a rowing machine.



Back and abdominal exercise equipment and bookshelves.



The hallway seen in both directions.



The dining table in the kitchen.
Here we sit and watch the birds that eat of the food that we hung out on the slope.

On the back here we are at ground level due to the slope of the terrain.

One of the walls in the hallway.



The decor in the kitchen. We bought this at [Flisenteret](#) in Kongsvinger. They stood for the entire installation including lighting and tile walls. They did a good job.



The laundry room is now delicate in comparison to the way it was.
The furnitures here are from Flisesenteret and the closet is from [Jysk](#).



The dining table in the living room.



We had to acquire 55 inch TV, for that we had in Gran was too small.



The sofa group in the living room.



A glance out onto the balcony. It is not finished yet. We plan to complete it in the spring of 2014, after we are back from Cyprus.



The bedroom.



Mirrors and closets in the bedroom.



Another closet in the bedroom.



Picture in the bedroom.



Picture in the study.



Some mist images.



The neighbour cat is out hunting.



Finally some sunset images.