





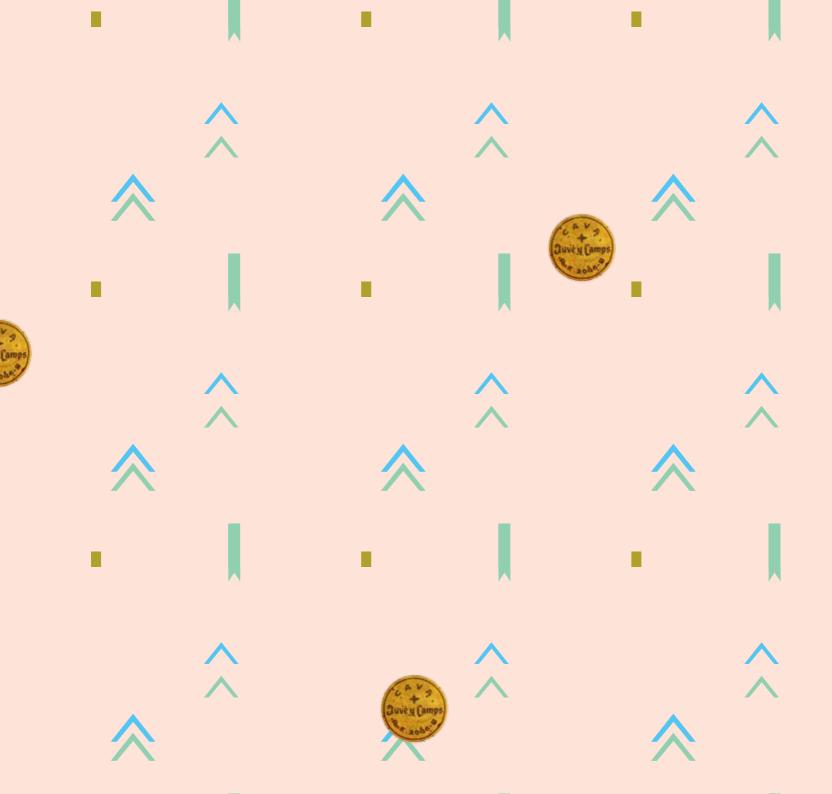
1. First muffin (magdalena), Urban Picnic (calle Asturies gracia) 2. Kids (Nens) Campers, Roca Village Campers Outlet 3. Cortado 4. Macca's ladies loos 5. roller door 6. Lola, the butcher, mercado gracia 7. Fish of the day, El Glop Taverna, gracia.

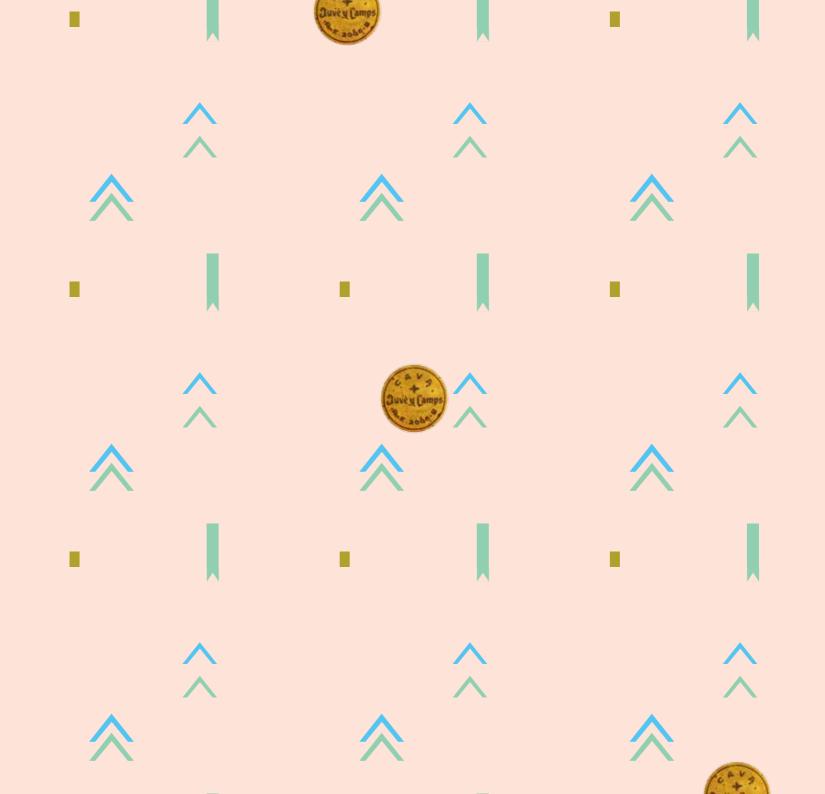
### HAPPY 2014 ~ FELIZ AÑO 2014~ BON NADAL

Just before midnight everybody turns on their televisions. Every channel broadcasts an image of the big clock in the main square in Madrid. As the clock chimes twelve times before midnight a grape is eaten with each chime. We found this tradition really difficult to do - cramming 12 grapes into our gobbs! It is said that if you succeed in eating all twelve grapes you will have good luck for the coming year. Thank you Toni and Cris for the lovely food and endless Cava.



1.First course - soup 2.Toni and Cris's family and friends 3.Second course - caramalised onion and beef  $4.12 \ grapes \ for \ nye \ countdown$ 







#### CELEBRATING THE 3 KINGS

The 3 Kings Parade or "Cabalgata de los Reyes Magos" in Spanish and "Cavalcada del Reis Mags" in Catalan, is held in the evening of the 5th of January every year. These locals were singing christmas carols on Calle Verdi to celebrate the 3 Kings. The tradition also involves giving gifts to the little ones on this day.



### TOMATOE SOUP FETTUCCINI

First home cooked meal. What looked like a jar of tomato pasada was actually tomato soup - so fettuccine tomato soup. Absolutely hids. 1st dud move.



The biggest purchase of our week was 'Jorge' (pronounced 'Hor-heh'), the nespresso machine from El Cortes Ingles(Spanish version of Myer). €99 with 100 pods "free".







### FIRA DEIS ARTESANS 4-5 JANUARY 2014

Placa de la revolucio and Placa de la Virreina hold an artesan market the first weekend of every month. The market is tiny with only 8-10 artists with stalls. Both placas are only 100m from our apartment. Totes Awes.





#### RECYCLING

Barcelona's Environmental
Department have produced new
waste recycling containers which
are designed for easy use by the
city's whole population. Each
waste category is associated with
a colour: organic - brown, general
waste - grey, cardboard and paper
- blue, plastic packaging - yellow
and glass - green. Containers
are lined up in the same order
everywhere to make it easy for
the blind or visually-impaired to
identify them. - even for Matt ...



# bicicletas segunda mano

#### WE WERE WARNED...

Barcelona's new transport system is called Bicing. It is a huge investment; in only it's two first years of operation more than 400 bike stations have been placed around the city. The stations are strategically located near bus stops and metro stations.

We were both able to enjoy the neighbourhood toghether on the weekends. Lasted almost a full week till both bikes were stolen. **2nd dud move.** 



# NEMESIO (EL PERRO)

The catalans love love their dogs (los perros). Whilst sitting in the plaza one night after dinner we got to meet a local retiree called Ernest and his dog Nemesio, a 3 month old Teckel (wire-haired dachshund). What a nice way to be welcomed into the neighbourhood.

### WALLS

Welcome to calle Asturies, Gracia: chock-full of boho shops, trendy cafes, few tourists and lots of colorful walls.



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# PAN PAN BREAD!

Bread in Spain is like rice in Asia - it should be eaten with every meal. There are 3 separate bakeries within 100m of our place.



### LAUNDRY

Pegging our laundry like the locals ...