

What do I need?

Copy of page 3 printed onto
A4 card

Old magazines

Glue

Scissors

Coloured card
(optional)



Catalonian mosaic donkey

What do I do?

Read page 2 to find out about the
National Day of Catalonia.

Cut out blocks of colour from
pages in your old magazines and
arrange these into different
colour piles.

Then cut the coloured sections
into tile-like pieces small enough
to stick onto your printed donkey
template.

Stick the coloured tiles onto your
donkey, arranging them like a
Gaudí mosaic (see picture, top
right).

Once you've covered the entire
donkey with your mosaic tiles,
either continue your mosaic onto
the background to make a scene or
cut out the donkey to make a
stand-alone piece. The choice is
yours!

Why not mount your mosaic onto
some coloured card to give it a
really professional finish?

National Day of Catalonia

Known locally as *La Diada*, the National Day of Catalonia is celebrated on 11 September each year. It is an important day in the history of Catalonia as it marks the day in 1714 when Catalan troops were defeated in the War of Spanish Succession. Until then, Catalonia had been an independent Republic with its own political freedoms. *La Diada* has therefore become a day for remembering the heritage and national identity of the region.

Catalans traditionally celebrate the day with performances of dance, folklore and *castellers* - incredible human pyramids! In the year 2000, the *ruc català*, or Catalan donkey, was chosen as the symbol of the region as it embodied the beliefs and characteristics of Catalans.

Catalonia is of course also well known for the work of Antoni Gaudí, whose particular architectural style is seen throughout the region. Especially in Barcelona, where there are many examples of Gaudí's trademark *trencadís* - a traditional Catalan technique of creating mosaics from broken pieces of china.



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