



# Santiago Cirugeda

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## Recetas Urbanas

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**Arte Útil archive nr:**  
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**Initiator:**  
Santiago Cirugeda

**Location:**  
Spain

**Category:**  
urban-development, economy,  
social

**Users:**  
Artist, citizens

**Maintained by:**  
Recetas Urbanas, users

**Duration:**  
1996 - ongoing

**Description:**

The project arises from the frustration that for citizens, it is almost impossible to take action to improve the urban environment, due to the difficulty in obtaining official permits for temporary interventions in the public space. With the project, the initiator uses its position as an artist and architect to empower citizens to act by explaining how to subvert regulations and conventions. He created a free toolkit which is distributed freely via the project's website, with instructions and guidelines in order to build, display or create space using the structures already available in the city.

**Goals:**

The goal of his projects are to find out the gaps in administrative structures and official procedures, to intervene where the law falls short and to perpetually redefining global systems of urban planning and legislation.

**Beneficial Outcomes:**

A different use of public space.

**Images:**

