



VOLKSWAGEN T4

Although many companies offer superb vans, no company carries with it such immense clout as Volkswagen and their Transporter line. The T4 is the fourth iteration of this legacy of vans. The first to use a front-mounted water-cooled motor, Cécile and Simon's 1997 T4 came with a peppy 2.5-liter diesel engine. After 160,000 miles (260,000 km), the motor has surely proven itself worthy. Customized for cooking, the van has a wide kitchen and natural cork to hang items on the ceiling and walls. A couch/bed and a wardrobe complete the homey build.

MANUFACTURER: Volkswagen
MODEL: T4 Transporter
YEAR OF PRODUCTION: 1997
ENGINE: 2.5 L TDI, 102hp
TRANSMISSION: Manual
VISITED COUNTRIES: Spain, Portugal, and United Kingdom
MILES IN TOTAL: 260,000 miles
TRAVEL TIME: 6 months

REBUILD—YEAR: 2016–2017
REBUILD—BODYWORK MODIFICATIONS: None, new windows in the near future
REBUILD—CHASSIS MODIFICATIONS: Stock
REBUILD—INTERIOR MODIFICATIONS: Complete insulation with sound-deadening mats, gray wooden floor, natural cork ceiling and walls, full-size couch/bed, a wide and practical kitchen, wardrobe made of elastic rope, additional storage
REBUILD—OTHER MODIFICATIONS: Second battery, three LED bars on the ceiling to add some light in the van
REBUILD—SUPPORT BY: Their families

daily experimentation, and light, breathable cork everywhere. The couple spent 2017 exploring Spain, Portugal, and the United Kingdom. "Our way of cooking, which is our true passion, has changed along the way," they explain. "We've worked for months on farms, surrounded by organic vegetables and fruit, learning about what it is to grow your own food and take care of the land. Our tiny kitchen is an endless source of creativity, as we learn how to cook great and healthy meals with very few tools and resources." ■



Family portrait in old van Anatoli (above right). Al fresco forest cooking, Snowdonia, Wales (right). Bedroom and kitchen (opposite bottom).