Beautiful blooms at Botanyco — a haven for flower fans in Madrid

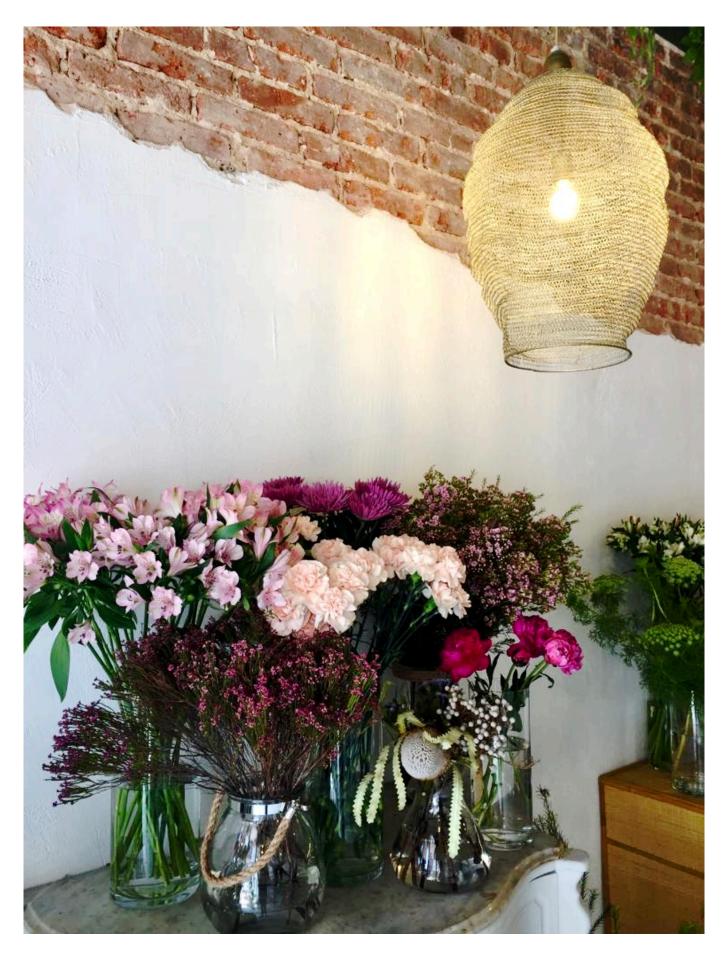
Much to the dismay of my bank manager, it's a given that I spend pretty much all my cash on fashion and food. (Sorry if you're reading this folks, I promise the odd tenner gets bunged into savings). My monthly bank statement often reads like a roll call of where to shop and where to eat, but having bought a pad last year, there's definitely been a shift in my spends — from fashion to furniture and more noteworthy, given the theme of this post, now to flowers.



Over the past year I have gone hard on nesting. There's no such thing as too many cushions or candles in my book, and

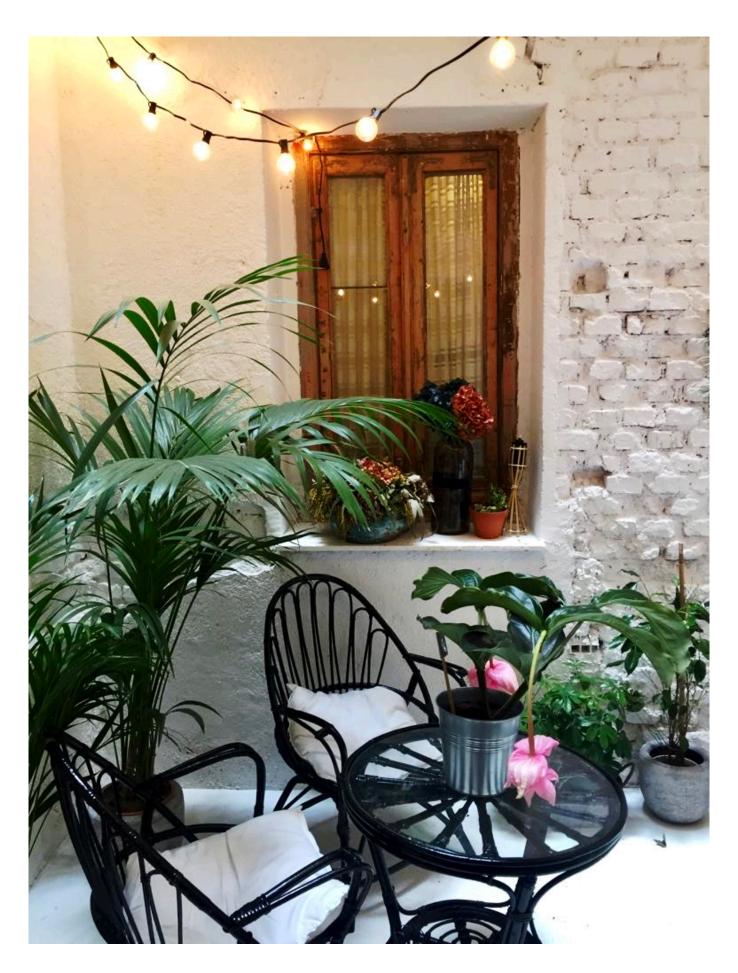
blooms have become a weekly indulgence that I now pick up with the same level of regularity as I do milk, almond of course. This has largely been encouraged by the fabulous florist that's now within walking distance of my casa, Botanyco.





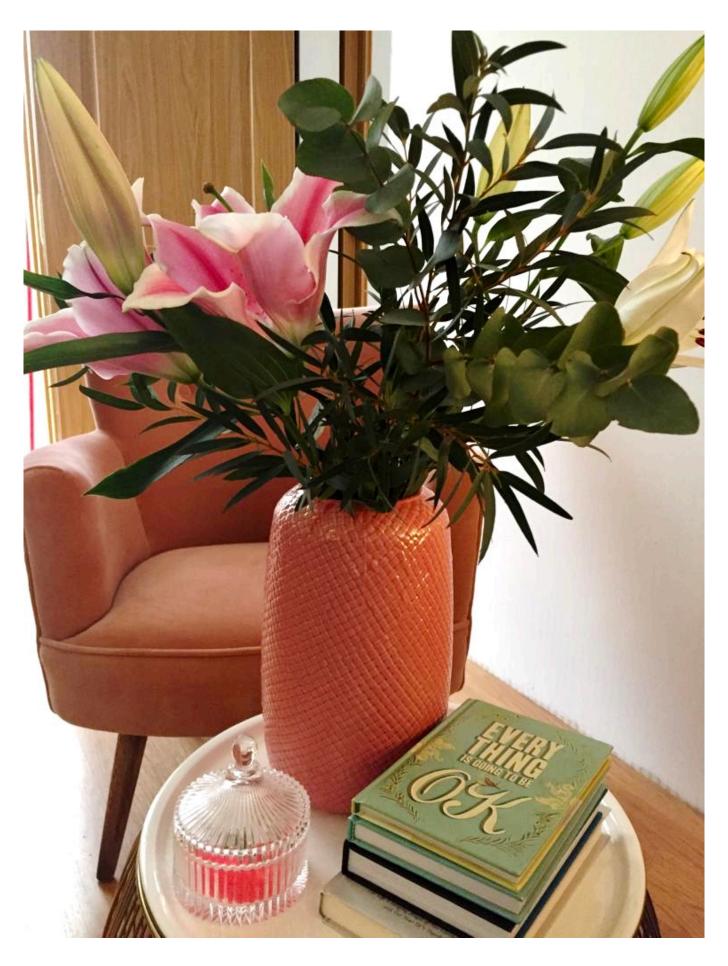
In a city which is often lacking in much other than fairly insipid-looking florals, Botanyco is a haven for flower fans

and has real pavement appeal. For a start, the shop itself is stunning. You almost feel like you're entering into someone's gorgeous garden thanks to the patio area at the back that's cutely concealed from street view.



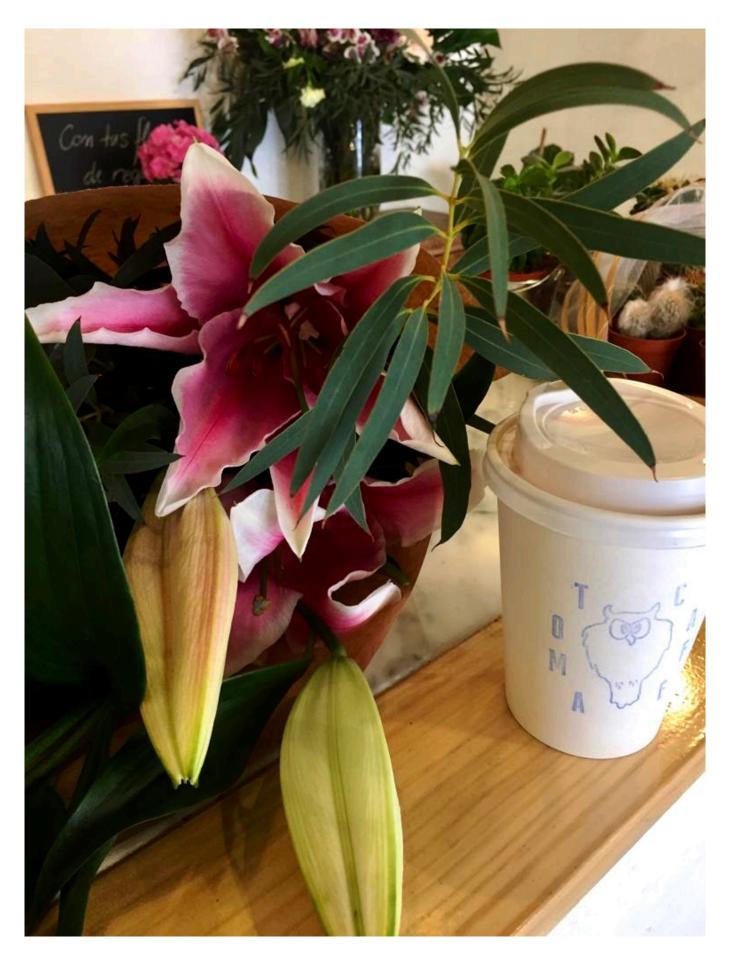
Now if you like your flowers, this is your one-stop shop. They whip up bouquets, stock insta-friendly blooms such as peonies

(it can't just be my 'gram feed that's littered with them come May time) and there's a collection of cacti that wouldn't be out of place in the desert.

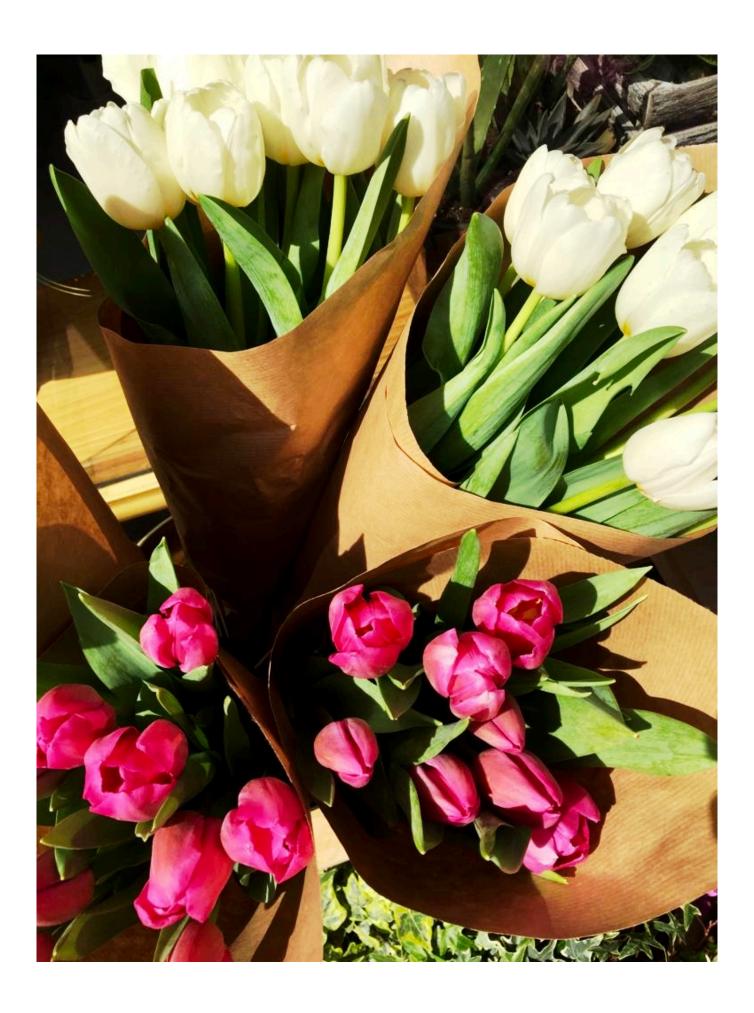


I've often nipped in to pick up a last-minute gift that always surpasses the price tag. Don't get me wrong, the flowers

aren't cheap, but this is a swish little spot where you can sit and enjoy a coffee post shop on the house.



I'm often berated by friends and fam for what on the surface might appear to be a rather frivolous and costly habit, my response — stop and smell the flowers, quite literally. Who doesn't love walking into their *piso* to find a pretty little posey and of all the things that I splash the cash on (of which there are a few), a bunch of blooms that spark joy is not what's going to break the bank.





In addition to being your neighborhood florist, Botanyco supplies flowers for events — weddings and the like. And if you fancy yourself as a frustrated florist in the making, they even do classes on weekday evenings where they'll teach you the tricks of the trade. It's a blooming lovely spot (sorry, couldn't resist the pun) and I urge you to not leaf it out on your to-do list.

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