

Fairy Garden



Here's what you'll need!

- Rocks and Pebbles
- Moss, Grass and Flowers
- Mushrooms
- Windchimes and suncatchers

Instructions:

1. Find a quiet space in your garden, perhaps in a corner
2. Begin by clearing a space
3. Arrange the pebbles and rocks into a mystical design
4. Fill the ground in your garden with the grass and moss and then poke the flowers into it to make them stand up
5. Pin your wind chimes and suncatchers to the fence or wall around the garden to stimulate the senses
6. Create a focal point with a fairy house, you could use the mushrooms for this, small mushrooms make a great fairy chair!



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Paint a mural on your garden fence



Here's what you'll need!

- Acrylic paint
- 1 Dry fence
- A variety of brushes
- Some pencils
- A brush holder
- Inspiration such as a picture of what you would like to paint
- Something to kneel on, a cushion or kneel mat

Instructions:

1. Set down your kneeling cushion
2. Sketch out your design using the pencils, don't press too hard, a fence is a very rough surface
3. Fill in the outline with plenty of acrylic paint, don't use too much as it may drip. It's also best to work from inside to out
4. Leave to dry for 30 minutes



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Flower Pressing



Here's what you'll need!

- Plenty of time, this will take 2-4 weeks
- Colourful flowers
- A heavy block such as a house brick
- A book with plain white pages

Instructions:

1. First, you must dry out your flowers, this also takes time so be sure to pick your flowers in advance
2. Simply then align your flowers on the page however you would like them to look, a fun design to do would be to sketch a plant pot and make it look like the flowers are in it
3. Carefully close your book and place the heavy weight on top, then leave in a dry corner of your house or shed
4. Wait 2 to 4 weeks for the flowers to completely flatten



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Make a hedgehog hut



Here's what you'll need!

- Bricks or blocks
- Wooden planks, perhaps fallen fencing
- Logs and branches
- Shrubbery and foliage
- Hedgehog feed: you can use beetles, earwigs, worms, cat or dog food but be sure to avoid mealworms and milk as this is bad for them

Instructions:

1. Choose the quietest location you can find, the corner of the garden or in a forest for example
2. Use your sturdy materials to construct walls but be sure to leave an entrance
3. Cover your framework with foliage, branches, and shrubbery to make it nice and dark for the new arrivals
4. Fill the hut with plenty of leaves and shrubbery so that they're nice and comfortable
5. Leave your food in the corner for them to eat



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Homemade Suncatcher

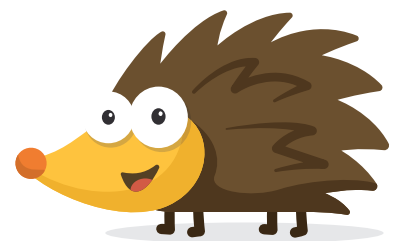


Here's what you'll need!

- Ice lolly Sticks (4 per suncatcher)
- Pipe cleaners (1 per suncatcher)
- A glue stick
- Lots of coloured tissue paper
- Wax paper
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. First, stick the lolly sticks together to make a square frame
2. Next, create a handle by tying the pipe cleaner around one of the edges
3. Using the wax paper trace the frame with a pen and then cut the paper to fit, it needs to stick to all 4 edges of the frame
4. Cut the tissue paper with child-friendly scissors into patterns and images or shapes
5. Stick the patterns to the wax paper in the pane
6. Hang your suncatcher in the sunniest place in the garden



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Pinecone Bird Feeder



Here's what you'll need!

- Large dry pinecones
- Birdseed
- Raisins and peanuts
- Grated Cheese
- Suet or lard
- A mixing bowl
- Scissors
- String

Instructions:

1. Allow the lard to warm to room temperature then cut up and mix it in the bowl with the raisins, peanuts, cheese, and birdseed
2. Tie your pinecones together using the string by going under the spines around the tops
3. Using your hands, pack the mixture tightly into the gaps in the pinecones until flush with the edges
4. This will then need to set in the fridge for an hour or so
5. Hang your feeder high up in your garden for the birds to eat



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Snail Racetrack



Here's what you'll need!

- A variety of chalks in different colours
- A racetrack (a path, ideally out of the way)
- Decorations: Lego works great for this, but any branches could be imagined as seating for spectators, milk tops, sand, toy figures

Instructions:

1. Start with the outline, taking into consideration what type of track you want to make, is it a drag race or a circuit?
2. A dashed white line helps your child imagine this is a road
3. Runoff areas around the corners, with stands for spectators and crash barriers
4. Why not try writing some bug advertising such as RedSnail or Caterpirelli!
5. Let their imaginations roam free, if they're not interested in bugs, toy cars work fine!



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Treasure Hunt



Here's what you'll need!

- Your children's favourite sweet treats
- Post-it's, flashcards, or simply paper and a pen
- Nice weather
- A basket or container

How to do it:

1. Hide your children's favourite sweet treats around your garden, perhaps where they may find interesting plants or creatures. It's important to consider height and point of view for your children, and any obstacles that may get in their way should be cleared.
2. Start writing your clues at the end and work backwards, maybe consider using rhyme and riddles to adjust the difficulty.
3. Set your start point, give them their baskets, and watch them go!



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