

Fairies, Gnomes, and Elves, Oh My!

Creating magical worlds is a great way to foster your child's sense of wonder and creativity. Building Fairy Houses stimulates your child in many ways by creating, observing, collecting, exercising, and communicating, all while appreciating and exploring the natural world. The world outdoors is full of enchantment and mystery, all you need is a little imagination and fairy dust.

To start have your child use their imagination to dream up their own fairy or other magical being. Challenge them to draw or write about their magical friends, where they live, what their powers are, and what they like.

Head outdoors and find a quiet place to build, reminding your child to leave no trace and be respectful of plants and animals. Have your child revisit their sketch or story and search for materials to begin building their abodes. Sticks, moss, bark, dry grasses, pebbles, shells, feathers, seaweed, pinecones, and nuts are all great materials to build with. Remember, fairy houses take many different forms and are found in a variety of locations, but most look so natural that they blend in with their surroundings. Encourage your child to add different features; maybe some dry leaves will become a roof, acorn caps will be used as teacups, or some smooth stones will act as a walkway.

To get some inspiration, join us for a story and head out for an adventure in the woods as we learn the basics of fairy house building.

[Please view the video here.](#)

Have fun building, and don't forget to share your adventures with us on social media!