

Fairy Huts

Use up those scraps from other projects in this garden fairy hut. This is a great way to learn some weaving and expand your child's imagination. You can even make an entire fairy city for your garden! Also a fun thing to do with rock painting.

Materials

- Large scraps of fabric, yarn, or ribbon
- Moss
- Plastic cup or container
- Duct Tape
- Hot Glue
- Optional embellishments (ie: permanent markers or trinkets)

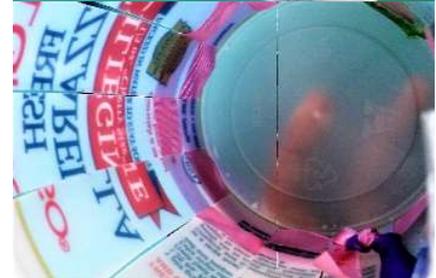
Step 1: Gather your materials. Remember to REuse!

Step 2: Remove the lid from your plastic cup and either set aside for another project or recycle it. With scissors, cut strips in the cup from the mouth to the bottom, about ½" to 1" wide.

Step 3: Select one strip that you've cut and cut out about 1" from the bottom. This will create the doorway for your hut.

Step 4: Take your fabric, yarn, or ribbon and cut if needed to prepare it for weaving through the cut strips in the plastic cup. Then, tie your fabric strips together and insert the tied part into the bottom of the cup.

Step 5: Now you want to weave the fabric in and out of the plastic strips. (Tip: If you're using yarn, you can alternate the pattern to get more coverage.)



Step 5: Once you get to the opening of the door, cut the fabric and tape or tie it off on the inside of the cup. Then, tape or tie a new end of fabric to the other side of the door and continue with your weaving. (You may need to repeat this step.)

Step 6: Make sure once you've gone as far as you can with the weaving to tie or tape the end.

Step 7: Hot glue the moss to the bottom of the container, creating a green roof for your fairy hut.

Step 8 (Optional): Add a sign or other decorations to your hut and find a spot in your garden for your fairy to live. Try to find a spot where if the wind blows, your fairy house will be easy to locate.

