

Preschool Summer STEAM Saturdays

Build a Fairy Garden

Are magical creatures inhabiting your garden? Discover the world of fairies and gnomes by creating a home for them!

Materials Needed:

- Empty glass jar (big enough to fit your hand inside)
- Dirt to fill jar 2/3 full
- Rocks
- Small plants (weeds)

Optional:

- Moss or lichen
- Pinecones
- Marbles
- Assorted crafting supplies
- Nuts
- Shells
- Modeling clay
- Glitter
- Sticks
- Plastic animals for pets
- Paint
- Pretty stones

Instructions:

Fill the empty jar by layering a handful of rocks on the bottom, then dirt until the jar is 2/3 full. Very gently plant a few weeds from your yard, and sprinkle with water. Use your creativity to add decorations for the fairies to play with. Sprinkle with glitter (fairy/gnome dust), and watch each day to see if any fairies have arrived!

Ideas:

- Create a gazing ball by gluing a marble to the top of a golf tee
- Make a welcome sign using a popsicle stick cut in two; write on it with a marker
- Use air-dry clay and a stick to create a mushroom; decorate it with painted white dots
- Paint the inside of a shell with blue paint to create a pond

Books:

- *No, No Gnome* by Ashlyn Anstee
- *The Giving Gnome* by Kevin Button
- *Stella, Fairy of the Forest* by Marie-Louise Gay
- *The Truth About Fairies* by J. Angelique Johnson
- *The Mud Fairy* by Amy Young
- *Gone With the Wand* by Margie Palatini
- *The Book of Fairies*
- *Fairy Houses -- Everywhere!* by Barry Kane

