



Fairy Garden

A fairy is a small, imaginary being in human form that has magical powers. Fairies live in fairy gardens, and you can make your own fairy garden that your fairy will love.

Fun facts about fairies and fairy gardens:

- Fairies blend in easily due to their creative outfit choices made from leaves and flowers.
- Fairies have extra-sensitive ears so they can hear when someone is coming close and can flutter away into their flower and curl up tightly.
- Flower fairies are passionate about music and dancing and host many parties throughout the year.

How to earn the Fairy Garden patch the Girl Scout way:

Steps:

1. **Discover**—Learn about fairies and the history of fairy gardens.
2. **Connect**—Make a fairy garden.
3. **Take Action**—Share your fairy garden.

Materials Needed:

In order to complete this patch, you'll need:

- Resources (You can either go online with an adult, ask a professional, or visit your public library.)
- Other materials based on your selected activity (See Step 2.)



Step 1

Learn about fairies and the history of fairy gardens.

Over time, there have been many stories about fairies. Research three different fairies and their history.

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Step 2

Build your fairy garden.

Each fairy garden is unique—just like each fairy! Below are the steps to build different parts of your fairy garden. You can be as creative as you want when building your garden. It's important to pre-plan your fairy garden so you and your fairy have room for everything they need.

With a piece of paper, draw your fairy garden.

Things to consider:

- Fairies need a space of their own for celebrations or festivals so they can dance and move around.
- Think about what type of flowers you can plant that would be useful to fairies. Plant flowers that could be hats, flowers that have large petals for clothing, and soft plants for bedding.
- Think of furniture for the fairy to live in, sit on, and sleep on.

Step 2—CONTINUED

House/Shelter:

For this item, you need 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil, 1/2 cup of water, 1 cup of flour, 1/2 cup of salt, and food coloring.

In a medium bowl, mix together the flour and salt. Then add water and oil to the flour/salt mixture. Using your hands or a spoon, mix to form a smooth ball of dough. You may need to add a little bit more water. Add food coloring (optional).

Build your fairy shelter with the clay. Once the shelter is built, you will need to let the clay dry for a day or two.

Tent:

For this item, you'll need sticks, string or a twist tie, scissors, and fabric scraps. Secure sticks or twigs together to make a tent frame, then cut your fabric scraps to fit over the frame to provide your fairy with a cozy tent.

Firepit:

To create a firepit, you'll need pebbles and sticks. Find a spot in your fairy garden for your fairy to build her own fire. Place pebbles in a small circle and add sticks in the middle to build your fairy her own firepit.

Fence and walkways:

For this item, you will need sticks or toothpicks and pebbles. Stick the toothpicks close together into the soil/ground of your fairy garden to build a fence. Place the pebbles along the walkway for your fairy to travel throughout the garden.

Plants:

You can plant seeds or small plants in your fairy garden. You can even plant artificial flowers. Here are some plants that fairies especially love:

- Bluebells: Fairies are summoned to their dances by the ringing of these tiny flowers.
- Mushrooms: Fairies use these as tables and stools.
- Peonies: Fairies use these to protect children and use the seeds for necklaces.
- Poppies: These can be used to bring fairies into your dreams.
- Ragwort, cabbage stalks, grass, and straw: All of these are used by fairies for transportation in the same manner as a witch uses a broom.

Once you have all your supplies and items to include in your fairy garden, construct your garden and make it magical!

Step 3

Share your fairy garden with others.

You can gift your fairy garden to someone else or share what you learned about fairies and fairy gardens. You could even host a fairy garden party where your Girl Scout friends or family build their own fairy garden.

All done? CONGRATULATIONS!

You've completed all the necessary steps to earn the Winter Survival patch.

After completing the activities from each step, visit or call a Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania retail shop at 800-248-3355 to purchase your patch.* A patch may be worn on the back of a vest, sash or tunic.

*Patch shown may be substituted with similar patch, based on availability.