

# Nature Table Gnome Home & Toadstool

First the gnome home! These little houses can be made in any colour you like to blend in with the seasonal decor on your nature table. The one I made here is for autumn.

First, gather together your materials. You will need:

Cardboard (from a cereal packet)

Cardboard tube (or create one from more cereal packet)

Felt scraps

Glue

Something round (like a saucer)

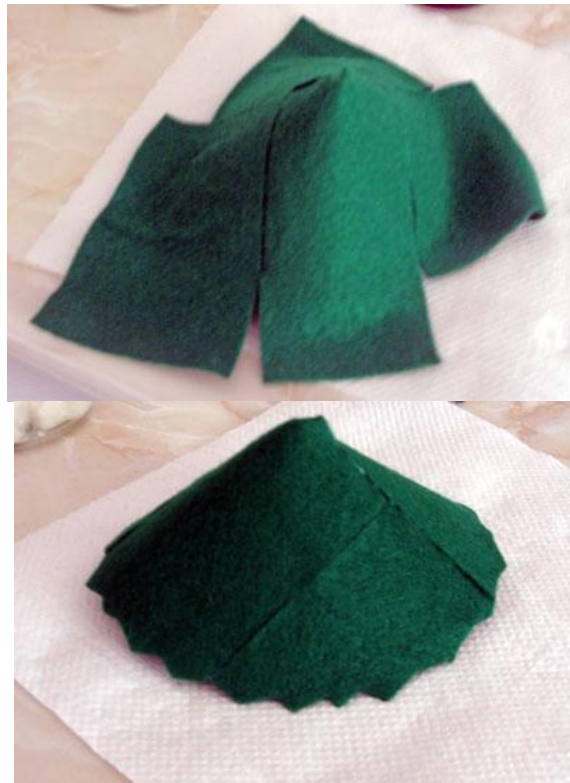
1. First, draw round your saucer and cut out the circle. Cut a line to the centre of the circle. Fold the circle into a cone shape and staple shut.

2. Trim your cardboard tube (I actually used an old biscuit container for this!) to the length you want (i.e how tall you want your house to be). Cut out an opening for the door.



3. Cover the roof part in scraps of green felt don't worry about over-hang for the moment as we'll cut those off next.

4. Trim the roof bottom giving it a jagged appearance to look like leaves.



5. Cover the outside of the tube with a strip of felt and trim the edges if necessary. Cut out the door section. You can leave a flap for the door or cut the whole thing off.



6. Cut out a small window shape from felt and glue it to the front of the house.

7. Run some glue round the top of the house and glue on the roof.

Done!



Now for the toadstool! You will first need to cut out some circles from felt. I cut out red and beige pieces the same size of 5cm diameter. Then a rectangle for the stalk which was 5cm X 4cm. Then some random sized small white circles. You will also need to cut a small beige circle for the bottom of the stem. I actually made this slightly bigger to create some overlap which helps it to stand up better.



1. Take the red circle and glue on the white spots (you can sew them on if you want).



2. Now sew this red circle to its corresponding beige circle with a small blanket stitch. Stop when you are nearly all the way round and add a little stuffing, not too much, and then finish sewing up.



3. Now take the beige rectangle, place it with the long edge facing you and roll, vertically, into a tube. Sew along the edge where the folds meet.
4. Position your tube onto the bottom of the toadstool cap and stitch in place.
5. Put a little stuffing into the stalk, pushing it well down with a pencil.



6. Don't fill the whole stalk! Fill it about halfway and then finish with rice or lentils. This provides weight so the toadstool stands up. Now, sew the small beige circle on the bottom with a blanket stitch. You're done!



Note about the rose elf shown in the picture with the house and toadstool. I made these little seasonal dolls a long while back and can't find the instructions I wrote sorry! May make some more and demonstrate 😊 However, the picture is quite clear, you just need a wooden "person" (from Hobbycraft) and some felt scraps to cut petals for the hat and dress. Her rose was made from a small bit of pipecleaner covered in green tissue paper, green felt for the leaves and pink felt petals glued together in a

rose shape. I also made a yellow daffodil doll (for Spring), a yellow/orange/brown/red leaf doll (for Autumn) and a holly leaf/berry doll (for Winter).