

WOOD BLOCK GNOMES

MATERIALS

- Triangle wood block
- Sandpaper
- Red paint
- Green paint
- Grey wood stain
- Sponge brush
- Paper towels
- Wood bead
- Fur beard
- 2 fur eyebrows and 2 fur mustache pieces
- Hot glue gun (MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LIBRARY OR A FINE WILL BE APPLIED)
- Hot glue sticks

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sand the wood block with the smaller grit sandpaper so that any markings on it are buffed off (you may need to work a little bit to get this to happen) and the edges and sides are all smooth. This assures that the paint will go on smoothly.



2. Paint a very light coat of the color that you would like the hat to be on the top part of the block. Leave a space unpainted for the face of the gnome. See the picture on the left to see how far down to paint.

3. Let the top dry, wash your brush, and then paint a very light coat of the color that you would like the clothing to be on the bottom part of the block. Again, see the picture on the left to see how far up to paint.



4. Once both of the painted areas are entirely dry, sand all surfaces with the larger grit sandpaper and make it look distressed. You don't want to sand off too much of the paint, but this step will give the gnome a more rustic look. See the picture to the left for an example.

5. Wash your brush and add a light coat of light grey wood stain to each painted surface of each block, staying clear of the center section that is unpainted.

6. Using the paper towel, remove as much excess stain as you can. Allow stain to dry completely. It may take up a few hours to dry



7. Sand all surfaces again.



8. Hot glue the beard onto the front side of the gnome. Feel free to brush the fur down a bit to make the beard more orderly and... beard-like.

9. Also affix the mustache and eyebrows to each gnome face. Like the beard, you can brush each rectangle of fur to one side to make the mustache and eyebrows neat.

10. Hot glue a nose to the gnome in the center of the unpainted portion.

11. Enjoy your new gnome friend!



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