

“In Your Imagination”



Module 4, Fairy Home

Prompt:

A mini magical fairy has moved into your neighborhood and needs a home! What kind of home do they want to live in? Use simple materials, like cardboard and tape, to create the structure. What shape will it be? Then, add detail with color and sparkle!

Materials:

Construction materials:

- Cardboard – pre-cut into squares that are a manageable size for your child (approximately 4” x 4” works well with visitors at the Museum)
- Masking tape or painters tape (you may need to rip some pieces for your child ahead of time)
- Glue stick
- Scissors

Decorating materials:

- Markers
- Colorful paper (wrapping paper, construction paper, tissue paper, etc.)
- Stuff that sparkles: rhinestones, glitter, glitter glue
- Random materials: toilet paper rolls, straws, pipe cleaners, cotton balls, feathers, yarn, whatever you think will inspire your child’s creativity!

Instructions:

1. Read the prompt with your child.
2. Help them figure out what the basic shape of their home will be (triangle, cube, etc.). They may need an extra set of hands as they tape it together.
3. Give them more cardboard to add on to their structure and show them the decorating materials they can work with.
4. Go over any household rules or expectations about the use of scissors, glue, etc.
5. Give your child plenty of time to work on their creation.

Resources:

Below are images of fairy homes visitors made at Boston Children's Museum. Take a peek and get inspired! There is no "right" way to do this activity, no two fairy homes are the same.

Also check out the work of artist Ana Serrano, who makes miniature paper versions of buildings in city neighborhoods. Her work can be found on her website:

<https://www.anaserrano.com/buildings-1>





Extensions:

If your child needs more challenges to go along with this activity:

- Encourage your child to hunt for a spot in your home or yard where they can set up their fairy home.

- What furniture goes in their fairy home? Challenge your child to make mini beds, chairs, and more, using the materials you've given them.
- Give your child some art supplies (paper, markers, glue stick scissors) and have them create their fairy!
- What else is in their fairy's neighborhood? A grocery store, a school, a park? Challenge your child to make these structures out of the materials they have.

Together with your child, go to the "In your Imagination" topic on Flipgrid and share their fairy homes.