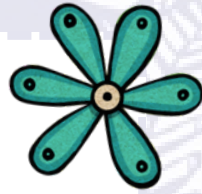


# Let's Build a Gnome Home!

## WHAT YOU NEED:

- Twigs/sticks
- Leaves
- Small stones
- Nuts, flowers, vines, bark or moss



## HOW TO:

1. Find a safe, protected location.
2. Place your base of sticks/twigs in a shape (like a square or triangle.) Pushing the corner sticks into the ground may give your home more stability.
3. Overlap the ends. Continue building, placing sticks on the opposite ends, overlap again. Continue adding sticks and twigs to make the home as high as you want.
4. Use shorter pieces to make a window or door.
5. Add a roof out of leaves, moss, vines or bark.
6. Decorate your home with flowers or nuts. Make a path of pebbles or small twigs to lead the gnomes to their home.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

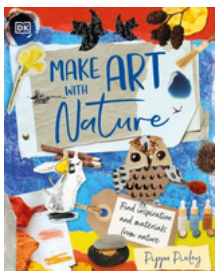
You have become an engineer. You are constructing a building using balance, spatial awareness and geometry. The more you build the easier it will become. During the winter try building with materials in your home. Or if you are brave, make an igloo outside.



## FUN FACT

Did you know that in Charlevoix, Michigan there are people that live in Hobbit Houses or Gnome Homes inspired by the book *The Lord of the Rings* by Tolkien? Take a visit there and see for yourself.

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