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Did you know that toads are a garden's best friend? They eat the bugs that bug your plants, aerate the soil when they burrow, and of course, are absolutely adorable. You can help get your garden amphibian ready with your own homemade Toad Hall. But why stop there? Create your own Frog and Toad Puppets out of paper tubes, and make a little gnome friend from a recycled cork!

Toad Hall



A Toad Hall is a small shelter for a toad that you can make yourself for your garden, yard, or park. You can decide how temporary or permanent you want it to be by choosing from various building materials.

Watch our Video on how to make a Toad Hall: tinyurl.com/toadtown

Materials:

- Natural found materials: wood, rocks, sticks, dry leaves, cactus, rosemary, etc.
- Recycled materials: cardboard, popsicle sticks
- Other materials: Clay, old flowerpots, bricks
- (Optional) Make a little name sign from your toad

Instructions:

- Go for a walk and gather materials from inside or outside your home.
- Once you've gathered your supplies, find a toad-friendly area to assemble your hall.
- Create and watch to see if you attract a toad!





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Frog and Toad Paper Tube Puppets



Materials:

- 2 toilet paper tubes
- Paint – tan and green
- Googly eyes
- Paper – red, brown, green, yellow
- Black marker
- Glue, tape
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Paint tubes and let them dry
2. Cut out eyes and head shape. Keep the cut off pieces to make arms!





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3. Decorate!
 - Stick on googly eyes
 - Cut out jackets, pants, belt buckles, and glue on.
 - Draw some buttons on Toad's jacket and cut out small red circles for Frog's jacket buttons. We'll make the jacket sleeves in the next steps.



4. Cut out arms
 - Cut 4 arm shapes from the extra tube you cut off.
 - Include an extra 1/2 inch at the top of each arm for attaching to the tubes.
5. Finish and attach arms
 - Glue paper onto arms to create jacket sleeves.
 - Cut slits in the side of the tubes and slide the arms in.
 - Use some tape to secure the arms inside the tubes
6. (Optional) Make accessories!
 - Make a tiny book and bike out of scrap paper. What else can you come up with?





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Recycled Cork Gnomes



Watch our Video on how to make a Recycled Cork Gnome: <https://vimeo.com/431894246>

Materials:

- Corks
- Hot glue
- Scissors
- Markers
- Scraps of felt

Instructions:

1. Cut your felt
 - Triangle for the hat.
 - Long skinny rectangle for the clothes.
 - Eyebrows, Beard, Hair, or other decorative shapes!
2. Glue your felt
 - Put a little dab of glue around the base for the clothes
 - Then glue on the eyebrows and beard
 - Make the hat – put a little bead of hot glue on the top, and then a little bit more to finish it
 - Glue the hat onto the top of the cork.
3. Draw the face with marker
 - Draw some circles under the eyebrows for eyes
 - You're done!





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Booklist:

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