

# NATURE LOVERS

## Forest Homes



### MAKE A HOUSE FOR A FAIRY OR A GNOME OUT OF MATERIALS FROM NATURE!

#### CRAFT MATERIALS

You will need sticks, leaves, seashells, driftwood, grass, stones, seeds, feathers, bark, snake skin, pinecones, etc. (Try your best not to disturb anything that is living.)

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Use sticks and bark to make the frame. Try a tent or tepee style, or use forked sticks to make a more traditional shape. You might also use something like hole in the ground or in a tree to be part of your house. Use leaves, grass, or tree bark for the roof. Add a little porch or other decorations. Don't be disappointed if you don't see the magical creatures living in your house. They are very good at hiding!

#### BEWARE



Watch out for poison ivy! You can recognize it by its three leaves and purplish stems. If you think you have touched it, wash your hands and change your clothes right away.



#### MORE IDEAS

- Write a story about the creatures that might live in your house. What are their names? Do they have magic powers?
- Notice how this natural house does not last very long. Make changes and rebuild over time.
- Use the house to play with your toys when the fairies are away.
- Pretend magical creatures are real and leave little gifts such as berries, pebbles, or other treasures.
- Read the book *Fairy Houses* by Tracy Kane.