

# FAERY & TOAD HOUSES

## TOAD HOUSE (for all ages 3 and over) – A Perfect Saturday Project

### MATERIALS:

- clay pot (broken or whole) or a coffee can
- Acrylic Paint & Paint Brushes
- clay pot saucer and a couple of stones (for a little “pond/pool”)

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Paint your Clay pot or Coffee Can. Bury it about 1/3 of the way down into the ground, on it's side. Find a shady place where the opening faces south. Put the clay saucer near to the Toad House, make the edge flush with the ground. Add a stone or two and fill with water. Keep watered and keep watch for guests!



### OTHER OPTIONS:

\* With the mouth of the clay pot facing down, you can also slightly wet an area on the clay pot and carefully score a large rectangle for a doorway. Carefully tap the area out with a small hammer or use a screwdriver as a hammer. Should it break entirely see the next option.

\* You can use broken Clay pot pieces, if you stack them and place them, overlapping slightly, so that a toad can fit inside. Use small amounts of an Outdoor Silicone, if you want, to keep your Broken clay pot pieces together. If you do use Silicone it will make it easier if you choose to paint and decorate it.



## FAERY HOUSE (for ages 6 and over) – With Parents Help

### MATERIALS:

- Vinegar jug or other sturdy plastic base
- crayons/markers to mark design on plastic base
- A collection of small twigs, pinecones, bark, stones, ect...
- PARENTS: Hot Glue Gun (or even a waterproof adhesive) and Exact-o Knife
- Acrylic Paint & Paint Brushes (optional)

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Cut off the bottom of the jug (about an inch or so) and set it aside, it will make a nice “pool” for the faeries to cool off in. On the Jug, now mark off about an 1 1/2” from your cut line. This 1 1/2” area will be pushed into the ground to keep it stable. Now with your crayon/marker mark where the door will be and where the windows will be. Parents: carefully cut out the windows and doorways. For the doorway you will want to remove the area that is in the 1 1/2” section. Optional: you can paint the jug if you don’t want to see the jug beneath the cracks. Kids: get your twigs and bark ready, Parents: have the hot glue gun ready. Parents, as they hand you the twigs and such, place glue on them and then stick them to the plastic base. Don’t glue in the 1 1/2” area or you may have difficulty placing into the ground. Continue to add your materials until you are happy with your faery house. Now if you want glue (with the hot glue gun) pieces of fabric to the inside the windows for curtains. Once complete, take your faery house outside and gently push into the ground, into place. Nearby, place your “pool” into the ground so the top is nearly flush with the dirt. Add a couple of sunbathing stones and fill with water.

**\*\* NOTE: STORE INDOORS IN WINTER**

## A LITTLE EXTRA TOUCH

### MATERIALS:

- Popsicle sticks and acrylic paint
- Parents: Hot Glue Gun (or waterproof adhesive)

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Hot Glue about 5 sticks on top of each other, to make the flat part of the sign. (Parents to trim the edges flat on the popsicle sticks – score the ends with an Exact-O Knife and carefully snap off.) Than add a couple of sticks to the back side, so that your sign has legs – to be pushed into the dirt. Once the glue is set, paint your sign, and add it to your new Faery or Toad Home.

