



# FAIRY HOUSE CONTEST

Sponsored by Clark's Elioak Farm

Since our farm is such a magical place already---we have all the fairytale characters and stories from the Enchanted Forest, it must have seemed like the perfect forest for the fairies to make their homes. We have many fairy houses at the farm already. But we would like the fairies to have some new houses. Will you help us?

There are 3 categories of house projects you can do:

"All Natural Materials" Fairy House:

Category #1 - Build & Bring

Category # 2 Photo of Stationary House

The "Recycled" Fairy House: Category # 3 - Build & Bring

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There are 4 different age groups for each house project:

Age 5 and under

Age 11 to 15 years

Age 6 to 10 years

Age 16 and above

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Only one house entry per person per category.

Prize-winning houses will be on display in our Fairy Forest for July and August of 2022. Because of their fragile nature, we cannot be responsible if the houses are damaged during this display period. If you do not want your house to remain at the farm, you are welcome to bring it to the farm to be seen on July 16, 2022 by the farm visitors and house judges. Only houses that can remain at the farm on display will be judged.

## "All Natural Materials" Fairy House

As we all know, true fairy houses are made of all-natural materials found in the forest, in fields, on the beach, at the mountains. You can use bark, pinecones, sticks, fallen leaves, shells, logs, rocks, stones, pebbles, seeds, seed pods--- anything that you can pick up in nature (not trash). Be respectful of plants that are growing. Try not to disturb plants that are still living, such as ferns, mosses and flowers. Fairies are careful not to harm anything that is growing. DO NOT use kits, or any resin or man-made materials in this "all-natural materials" category to build or decorate your fairy houses. We do not expect your houses to have fairies in them. We just expect to see houses that fairies might want to live in.

## Category # 1 - Build & Bring

SINGLE STORY / SINGLE HOUSE -- No bigger than 12 inches wide by 12 inches deep and 15 inches high. Will need to be able to carry it to the farm on or before July 16, 2022 and enter it in our contest by 10 AM for judging on July 16, 2022.

Parents will need to help with transporting, gluing, stabilizing, and suggesting materials for the younger children, but **please do not build the house for your child.** It will not be fair to the other children and it will not be as much fun for your child. They will want to do it themselves and they really can!!!!

## Category # 2 - Photo of Stationary House

We realize that in some cases the best place to build a fairy house is in your yard. This might be a fairy house built at the base of a tree or as part of a log that is too big to move. For fairy house builders who want to build a fairy house that will stay at their home, we will have a photo contest. Build your "all-natural materials" fairy house in your yard or woods and submit the photos of your house by July 15, 2022. We will display all the photos on our website. We will need two time-stamped photos (with a time between May 26, 2022 and July 15, 2022). One photo of you and your house, so we can verify you have built it and one photo of just your house that we will put on our website.

RESOURCES: There are many resources online for how to make Fairy Houses and many, many photos of great fairy houses to give your children inspiration. Fairy House—The Official Website <https://www.fairyhouses.com/>

## The "Recycled" Fairy House

Even though we all know that fairies want house made of all-natural materials, in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century we have to acknowledge that it is important to also "REUSE, REDUCE, RECYCLE." Also, there may be children who want to build fairy houses that do not have access to outdoor spaces at this time. We are excited to have a fairy house category for houses made out of recycled materials. Be creative and see what items you can divert from the trash can or recycling bin and use to build a fairy house. You can use some natural items if you would like, but do not use any items from a fairy house kit or any items purchased specifically for your house. Your house-building materials have to be something kept out of the trash or recycling, such as used cardboard boxes, toilet paper or paper towel rolls, glass or plastic containers, **used** popsicle sticks or straws. Maybe a broken basket or some old ribbon or string from a package---anything you might be ready to throw away can be used. We do not expect your houses to have fairies in them. We just expect to see houses that fairies might want to live in.

## Category # 3 - Build & Bring

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