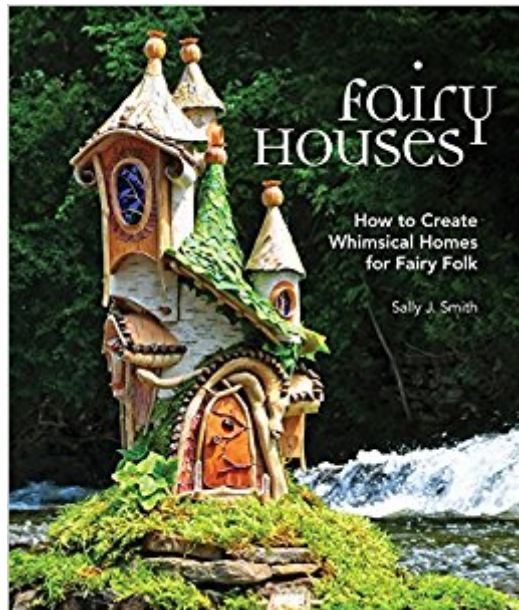




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Fairy Houses: How To Create Whimsical Homes For Fairy Folk



Synopsis

Have you ever seen a real fairy house? Not the ceramic ones you purchase, but a real fairy house made from natural elements? Well, now you can build your own miniature magical abode - the perfect addition to your garden. Step-by-step instructions for constructing exquisite fairy houses are revealed in *Fairy Houses*, explained by master fairy house architect Sally Smith. Smith has been creating one-of-a-kind DIY fairy houses out of natural artifacts for years, now she passes her miniature construction knowledge to you. Imagine, a fairy garden with homes that have butterfly wings as stained-glass windows, twigs for window frames, birch bark for walls, dried mushrooms for shingles. Begin by flipping through an inspiration gallery, find which elements appeal to you, and how they fit together. From there, you'll learn about building materials (found and natural), on-site fairy house construction, and how to light a fairy house. With this book, fairy houses move beyond "cute" and into beautiful, nature-woven works of art.

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"...this recommended title is fun and unique." - Library Journal
"Sally J. Smith's creations are irresistibly, delightfully weird." - The New York Times
"this adorable book will leave even the most sceptical of readers chanting: 'I do believe in fairies, I do!'" - Katya Edwards, Daily Mail

Sally J. Smith is an environmental artist and photographer living in Westport, New York, on the edge

of the Adirondacks. This locale lends itself to Sally's inspiration as she creates magical, mysterious, and marvelous "faerie" houses made from real leaves, moss and stone (and many other natural materials) as well as the stunning sculptures the artist calls "Eartherials" which echo the beauty of a special place or moment in time. Each Eartherial sculpture, often created on site regardless of season or weather, is a celebration of the intimate dialog between the artist and the environment that informs her work. Sally then creates a visual record of the piece at its completion and whenever possible, after the sculpture is photographed, it is left where it was made for the Nature Spirits to enjoy. Sally Smith's work is regularly featured in the calendar world, as well as within other media. Smith's media coverage includes a profile article in The New York Times, "Leave Your Wings at the Door," which ran October 2014. Sally is also the subject of a PBS video, Sally Smith: The Fairy Queen, which aired in 2014 on "Roadside Adventures."

I have been collecting "bits & pieces" of materials to build some Fairy Houses, but I wasn't feeling inspired to attempt putting them together until I found this book and the two calendars that are also available with photos of these wonderfully artistic little houses! Every time that I look at them it makes my heart beat faster. I am a craftsman and I am not interested in following someone else's instructions but I find it so helpful to see new methods, new ideas and just totally inspiring photographs to spur my own imagination. But, I so love the little castle that is pictured on the cover that I think I will have to make one very similar just to have it in my possession. I love this book and would love it even if I didn't want to make any houses!

This has gorgeous photos!

It's not often we get to see such talent played out in such a whimsical way. I make faerie houses myself, yet so appreciate seeing Sally's artistry in this book. I love that she's willing to share her secrets too. Great eye candy!

Love this little book!!! Beautiful pictures and good ideas...

Love it! Just what I was looking for!

Beautiful book!

Sally Smith is gifted with a wise and caring soul, outstanding artistic ability, and superior crafting skills. Over the course of the last decade Sally has shared with me her beautiful Fairy House creations, and her passionate creativity and impeccable craftsmanship have always delighted me. When Sally told me that she was finishing up her book I was really excited and couldn't wait to see it. Well, the wait is over and the most comprehensive book on crafting Fairy Houses imaginable is here! It's loaded with pictures of Fairy Houses and detailed instructions on Fairy House creation. All aspects are considered and demystified, and no fairy-sized stone is left unturned. In Chapter 1 "Inspirations: Designing with Nature", Sally opens the door and takes us into the natural world that she plays in. We see myriad and wide-ranging examples that fire our imaginations and whet our appetites. In Chapter 2 "Blueprint for a Faerie House", our lessons continue with a course on "...the various elements, processes, and materials used in faerie house construction". Sally shares with us her vast knowledge and lays out the basics. Chapter 3 "Itty bitty nitty gritty: creating magical faerie house components" teaches how to design and build windows and doors. As with all chapters, as much practical and artistic guidance as possible is freely shared. Chapter 4 "Adding sparkle and style: lighting and interiors" brings the dimension of illumination to our miniature realm. In Chapter 5 "Finishing touches: roofs, bases, and exterior details", we learn everything there is to know about major structural elements. Chapter 6 "Building a faerie house from the ground, up" shows how to pull it all together and "...construct two different faerie houses". All chapters include thoughtful explanations and as many photos as one could wish for. This is a beautiful, well-made book. It is suitable for adding to one's own library, and it would make a unique gift. The intended audience for this book extends all the way down to crafty children old enough to gather materials from a variety of sources and use basic tools for cutting, forming, and gluing. Many of the esthetic insights and practical skills will integrate well with a lifetime of crafting and creating. If you are looking for insight into the creation of Fairy Houses, you could not ask for a better mentor and friend than Sally Smith. I received this book directly from the publisher in exchange for my honest and impartial response.

This book has a lot of inspiring ideas and instructions for aspects of fairy homes. It's very tastefully done, not "cutesy". I do wish there were instructions for building a stone house though.

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