

Sock Gnome Instructions

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Instructions

1. Pour the rice into the toe of the sock. Fill the sock with poly fill about three-quarters of the way to the ankle. Tie off the sock with a knot. Trim the excess sock off and secure with a little hot glue for extra security.
2. Lay the faux fur face-down so you're working with the fabric backing. Using a razor or craft knife (not scissors), cut a rectangle wide enough to wrap all the way around the stuffed sock and long enough to cover the bottom 2/3 of the sock and have a hangover of about 1 inch. Be careful to only cut the fabric backing, not the faux fur if you want a nice, natural beard.
3. Wrap the rectangle of fur around the sock just under the knot and secure using hot glue. Only glue around the top half so the bottom is left loose and able to flow easily (like a gnome in the wild), particularly since we're working with the overhang.
4. Opt: cut the toe of the sock off to cover the bottom of your gnome, cut the heel to the open end you just cut in a triangle shape to form the hat, then use hot glue to reform your "hat".
5. Fit the sock onto the DIY gnome and part the beard a little where you'd like your nose to sit. Hot glue the wooden bead in place, taking care to hide any holes.
6. Add a dot of hot glue to the top of the nose and tuck the hat brim down onto the nose in a cute wrinkle.
7. Tug the hat down in the back and hot glue it in place.
8. To make the adorable mustache, cut a piece of faux fur about 4 inches long by 1 inch wide. Part the fur in the center and brush it out, then fold the fabric backing over onto itself and hot glue it in place and allow the glue to set. Hot glue the mustache to the gnome just below the nose.

