

Fairy Garden Party

Planning Guide

A Fairy Garden Party invites girls into a playful world of imagination, nature, and design. As they create, they make choices, explore their ideas, and collaborate. Along the way, girls build confidence, express themselves, and see that there is no one right way to make something magical.

Materials:

- **Bases:** cardboard, paper plates, planting boxes, milk cartons, etc.
- **Ground layer:** soil, moss, sand, and stones
- **Greenery/plants:** small plants, flowers, or faux greenery
- **Building materials:** wood, cardboard, boxes, rocks, and tubes
- **Decorations:** mini items like mushrooms, pebbles, crystals, or tiny furniture
- **“It’s a Fairy Garden Party”** instructions to display in the activity area(s)
- **Signage** with QR codes to join Girl Scouts



Event Structure (K-5)

Theme: From Imagination to Creation—Discover the Magic of Nature and Design

Girls move through interactive spaces where they explore creativity, nature, and design while building a fairy garden that reflects their own ideas and style.

Optional callout to families: By the end of the event, girls will have earned their Daisy, Brownie, or Junior Art and Design badge.

Why This Works for K-5

- Short, hands-on activities match attention spans.
- A take-home garden creates a lasting memory.
- Creative choices and collaboration help each girl make the experience her own.
- Imaginative play builds confidence, independence, and self-expression.

Recruitment Benefits

- Girls feel: “This is fun! I get to be creative here.”
- Caregivers see: “She gets to be herself, make choices, and feel proud of what she can do.”
- You show: Girl Scouts is a place for you.

Collaborating with Community Partners

Consider working with a local garden center to host or provide materials.

How to Plan and Deliver a Fairy Garden Party Event

Plan the Event:

- Review the “It’s a Fairy Garden Party” handout and shape the event layout to fit your space.
- Share this Planning Guide with staff or volunteer helpers and decide who will support each part of the experience.
- Set up supplies, signage, and membership materials.
- Make a plan to follow up after the event and help families stay connected.

Review the [Recruitment Activation Toolkit](#) for additional guidance and support.



Host the Event:

1) Welcome and Instructions

Conversation starters:

- *“What do you already know about fairies?”*
- *“What do you think a fairy might need in a home?”*
- *“What do you imagine a fairy’s life to be like?”*

Share the event plan (Sample Script):

- *“Today you can create a fairy garden!”*
- *“You’ll find ideas, materials, and plenty of ways to make it your own.”* [Use the “It’s a Fairy Garden Party” handout to help girls explore their options.]
- *“Girls, you’re in charge of your creations! Follow your imagination, make choices that fit your ideas, and discover what you want your fairy garden to be.”*
- *“Families, you have an important role, too. Your job is to encourage, listen, and support. Let girls take the lead and make decisions, even if you might have other ideas.”*
- *“Girls, that doesn’t mean that you have to do everything yourself! You’re the leader and sometimes leaders need advice or help. Ask each other, or your families!”*
- *“Any questions? Is everyone ready? Let’s go!”*

2) Design, Build, Create

As girls create, move around the space and encourage them. Help them talk about their ideas, ask questions, and share their thoughts. This is a chance for caregivers to see girls leading, problem-solving, and making the experience their own.

About ideas and creativity:

- *“Can you tell me about your fairy garden?”*
- *“What choice did you make that you really like?”*
- *“If your garden had a name, what would it be?”*

About storytelling and imagination:

- *“Who lives in your fairy garden?”*
- *“What happens in this world?”*
- *“What makes your garden special or magical?”*
- *“If your fairies could talk, what would they say about this place?”*

3) Share and Reflect

Before families head home, invite girls to reflect on their experience. Ask questions like:

- *“What was the most fun part to make?”*
- *“Was anything tricky? How did you figure it out?”*
- *“Did any of your ideas change while you were building?”*
- *“What part of your garden are you most proud of?”*
- *“What would you explore next if you had more time?”*
- *“Would you like to visit someone else’s garden? What do you like about theirs?”*

If the group is a little shy, invite girls to share with a partner first or try a quick show-and-tell. A smaller moment can help them get comfortable sharing.

Post-Event Follow-up: Refer to the [Recruitment Activation Toolkit](#) for guidance.

It's a Fairy Garden Party!

Imagine a garden for your fairy friends. How will you bring your tiny world to life?

1. Choose Your Base

What will you use to start your fairy garden? Pick a container or garden space. This is your fairy world foundation!

2. Add Your Ground Layer

Explore what works for your garden. Scoop in soil, moss, sand, stones, or a mix to create your fairy landscape.

3. Plant or Arrange Greenery

Bring your garden to life with small plants, flowers, or artificial greenery.

4. Design Your Fairy Spaces

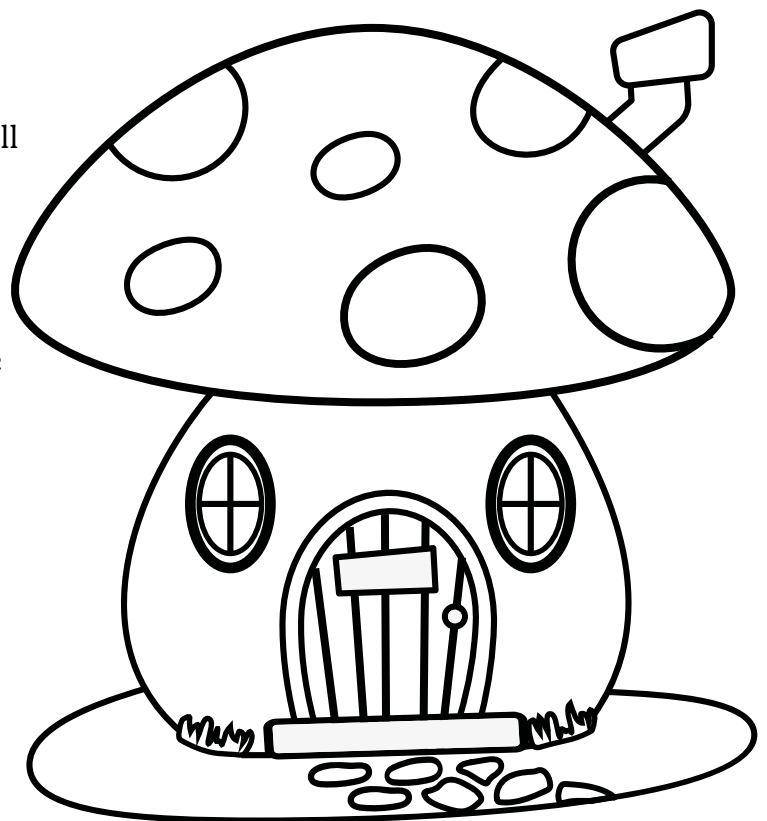
Make it yours with paths, houses, bridges, or secret spots. Where will your fairies play, sleep, or explore?

5. Add Magical Decorations

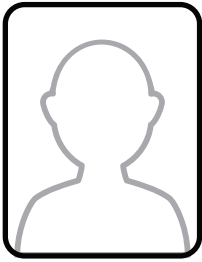
Use mini items like mushrooms, pebbles, crystals, or tiny furniture to make it extra magical.

6. Create Your Fairy Story (optional)

How many fairies live here, and what are their names? What happens in your garden? Give your garden a name and share what makes it special.

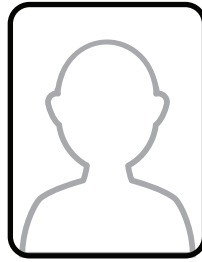


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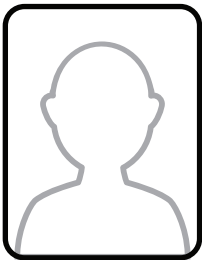
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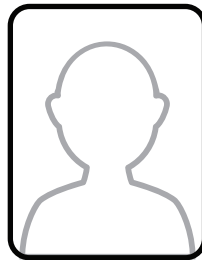
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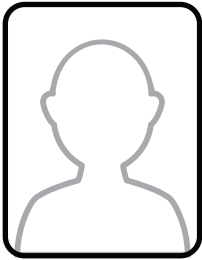
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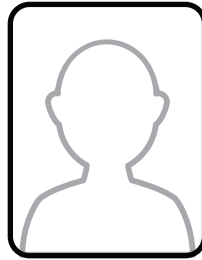
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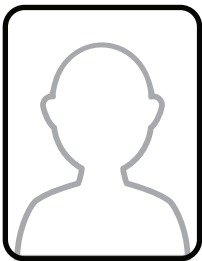
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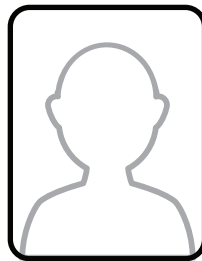
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