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# Makerspace



## Air-Dry Clay Gnomes

Skill Level: Intermediate

### Materials

- Air-dry Clay
- 2 Toothpicks
- 2 Cardboard Squares

### Materials Not Included

- Water
- Scissors

### Notes

These gnomes will need 48 hours to dry (depending on the design of your gnome) before you can paint them.

Always cover your remaining clay while working to prevent it from drying out. If your clay dries out, add a small amount of water with your fingertips and knead the clay to moisten it again.

### Instructions

1. First, shape 1 large ball of clay into a cone shape. This is going to be the body/head/hat of the gnome. Next, dampen your fingers with a tiny bit of water and smooth out any cracks in the clay.
2. (Optional) bend the tip of the cone to be the top of the hat.
3. Break off a piece of clay from the small extra ball and roll it out into a snake. This will be the brim of the hat.
4. Pinch off another small amount of clay from the little ball of extra clay and roll it into a ball for the nose. Use a toothpick to score the back of the nose and the area on the cone where the nose will go.
5. Cut off a small piece of one of the toothpicks. Stick one end into the back of the nose and the other end into the cone. Make sure the toothpick isn't sticking out anywhere.
6. Use a toothpick to score the area of the cone where the hat brim will go. Score the snake as well. Attach the snake to the cone. Use your finger or toothpick to blend the top edge

of the snake onto the cone to make it look like part of the hat. Also, blend away any visible score marks.

7. (Optional) use a toothpick to scrape facial hair or braids into the cone. You can also use the toothpick to make crease lines in the hat.
8. Place your 1st gnome on 1 of the cardboard squares, set aside to dry for 48 hours.
9. Repeat steps 1-7 with the 2nd large ball of clay to make your other gnome.
10. After both of your gnomes have **completely dried**, follow this link or scan the QR code below to see an instructional video on how to complete your gnome:  
[bit.ly/CreateAGnome](https://bit.ly/CreateAGnome)



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