

Spring Sock Gnomes

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Audience

Adults

Description

Get all the supplies to make your own sock gnome—with a spring twist!

Budget

\$1-\$50

Mixes

- [Crafts Mix](#)
 - Add-On Box A: Scissors
 - Add-On Box B: Glue Guns
- [Textiles Mix](#)
 - Box 2: Sewing Machines
 - Box 3: Sewing Machines

Advance Planning

I picked this program several months in advance. I looked at a bunch of Pinterest tutorials on how to make sock gnomes and picked the parts that I liked the best from each one.

Marketing

Online, posters in library, library website calendar, library program, and recreator mailing. Very successful. I capped the program at 20 and it was full within 24 hours with people calling to see if there was a waitlist.

Budget Details

You need a sock for each patron, 2 cups of rice, a wooden ball, fur fabric, fabric for the hat, quilt batting (optional), and felt if you want to add bunny ears for spring like we did this time. Look for fabric remnants at the store, use the Joann's app for a 40% discount, and/or use amazon when it's cheaper.

Day-of-Event Activity

Set-up: I prefer to do stations and make everyone get up and move around. So there was a station for filling the sock with rice, a station for tracing and cutting out the hat, a station for cutting out the beard, a hot glue station, and had the sewing machines set up around the room. Only 1 staff member is needed. I started setup about an hour before the program. Not unexpected, but the fur fabric sheds A LOT. I wanted patrons to do all the cutting at the beard station, but some of them decided to do it elsewhere which resulted in me having to vacuum more.

Supplies Needed:

- Socks
- Rice
- Rubberbands
- Fur fabric
- Cotton fabric
- 1" Wooden Ball
- Quilt batting
- Felt
- Hot Glue Gun
- Scissors
- Sewing machine

Instructions:

1. Fill a sock with two cups of rice
2. Adjust the sock and then tie it off with a rubberband
3. Optional to trim off the extra fabric
4. Hot glue inside the sock
5. Cut out beard shape from fur fabric
6. Push/comb the hair backwards to achieve the long, scraggly beard
7. Glue beard on to the sock
8. Glue the wooden ball on at the top, center of the beard
9. Cut a hat out of the cotton fabric and sew/glue it
10. Stuff the hat with quilt batting
11. Fold over hem and sew/glue in place
12. Glue the hat to the sock. It should cover the top of the beard and rest on the wooden ball nose.

Optional extras:

- Cut out bunny ears from the felt
- Glue the smaller piece inside the larger piece (make two ears)
- Cut a piece of fabric (same as the hat) 1.5" wide by 11" long
- Fold it wrong side out and sew it along the 11" side
- Flip it right side out and iron if desired
- Glue the ears on to the hat band and then glue the band on to the bottom of the gnome's hat

Program Execution

18/20 registered came. All positive feedback.

Photos

