Miniature Scene: Reading Nook

Instructions No. 4149

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 50 Minutes

Getting Creative Together: This idea was developed in collaboration with ANNA magazine.
Our Christmas elf has been hard at work and has already done most of the prep for a wonderful Christmas. Now it's time to relax in his living room for a cozy evening of reading.The cozy, festively decorated elf living room is crafted using an elf door, ladders, furniture, and lots of miniature accessories. Getting creative together: This idea was developed in collaboration with Anna magazine. Our Christmas elf has been hard at work and has already taken care of most of the preparations for a wonderful Christmas. Now it's time to relax in his living room for a cozy evening of reading. The cozy, festively decorated elf living room is crafted with an elf door, ladders, furniture, and lots of miniature accessories.



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Prepare the Base
First, choose a spot on the wall above the baseboard. This will make your gnome door look like a real entrance to a miniature world. Quickly clean the surface so the adhesive dots will stick well. Lay out all the parts from the gnome door kit and arrange them to see how they look: center the door, with the mailbox slightly to the side in front of it. This dry run will help you check the proportions before you secure anything.

Attach the gnome door so that it sits just above the floor. Make sure the door is flush with the wall so that the ladder, decorations, and mailbox can be arranged harmoniously in front of it later. Prepare the base: First, choose a spot on the wall above the baseboard. This way, your elf door will look like a real entrance to a miniature world. Quickly clean the surface so the adhesive dots stick well. Lay out all the parts from the elf door set and arrange them to see how they look: the door in the center, with the mailbox slightly to the side in front of it. This dry run will help you check the proportions before you secure anything. Attach the gnome door so that it sits just above the floor. Make sure the door is flush with the wall so that the ladder,

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Installing a Mailbox: A Small Story, a Big Impact

Position the mini mailbox so that it looks like a real mailbox for the elf. Depending on how your set is set up, you can stand it on its own or attach it near the door. The mailbox is a real eye-catcher in the elf door decoration and immediately tells a story: This is where messages, little wish lists, or mini-letters arrive. For the “Paper,” cut out tiny slips of paper, write on them neatly, and slide them in so they’re half-visible—this creates the impression of a bustling post office.

Designing the Ladder and Entrance: Making the Miniature World Believable

Place a small ladder against the door, as if it were the path to the elf’s living room. To make it look stable, discreetly glue the bottom end in place or prop it up with a mini piece of furniture. The purpose is simple: The ladder draws the eye to the door and makes the scene feel more three-dimensional. If you like, you can attach a tiny “accessory” to one of the rungs—for example, a mini book or a small package—details like these bring the gnome door scene to life.Setting Up the Mailbox: A Small Detail, Big Impact Position the mini mailbox so that it looks like a real post office for the elf. Depending on how your setup is arranged, you can place it on the floor or attach it near the door. The mailbox is a striking focal point in the gnome door decoration and immediately tells a story: This is where messages, little wish lists, or mini-letters arrive. For the “Paper,” cut out tiny pieces of paper, write on them neatly, and slide them inside so they’re only half visible—this creates the impression of a busy post office. Designing the Ladder and Entrance: Making the Miniature World Believable Place a small ladder against the door, as if it were the path into the elf’s living room. To make it look stable, glue the bottom end discreetly in place or prop it up with a mini piece of furniture. The purpose is simple: The ladder draws the eye to the door and makes the scene feel more three-dimensional. If you like, you can attach a tiny “accessory” to one of the rungs—for example, a mini-book or a small package—such details bring the gnome door scene to life.

Setting Up a Cozy Gnome Living Room: A Miniature Reading Night

Arrange mini furniture in front of the door as you would in a living room: a small seating area, a small table, and a dresser or shelf. Make sure to define clear zones: seating, storage, and decor. This way, the miniature world will feel like a real room. Place a small rug under the table so the furniture is “grounded” and doesn’t stand loosely on the floor. For the reading night, a mini book on the table works especially well; next to it, a tiny cup or a small tray to make the scene feel warm and lived-in.

window decoration and Textiles

Add a small window above the seating area with curtains or a piece of fabric as a drape. Textiles are important in miniature worlds because they instantly create a cozy atmosphere and soften the hard edges of wood and cardboard. Stick to a calm color scheme so the scene doesn’t look cluttered.

If you want to add some Christmas touches to your mini living room, use them sparingly: a small wreath and a mini garland on the door, or a “ light arch ” on the dresser are enough to create the impression of a festively decorated gnome living room.



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Now it's your turn! Finish setting up your gnome door scene, gradually add new miniatures for little stories, and stop by the online shop to discover craft supplies and accessories that are perfect for your miniature worlds and gnome door ideas.

Must Have



Secret Santa door set "Mailbox"

Number of parts: 4
Material: Wood, Polyester (PES)

21,99 €
~~RRP 22,50 €~~

Item details

Quantity: − 1 + Add to cart

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
31279	Miniature set "Flower Power deco"	1
31280	Miniature set "Tablet & mobile phone"	1
31050	Miniature plant "Monstera"	1
31044	Miniature record player	1
31034	Miniature Gift Set "Concert"	1
27904	Miniature set "Houseplants"	1
31278	Miniature set "Office supplies"	1
19253	Secret Santa door set "Mailbox"	1
31277	Miniature set "Sofa corner"	1
22167	Miniature buffet cabinet	1
28724	VBS Miniature chest of drawers	1
21935	Miniature carpet	1
622066	VBS Clogs, 1 pair	1
24251	VBS Miniature wooden ladder "Lykke"	1
24249	VBS Miniature rocking chair "Sally"	1