

Why Build A Fairy Village?

By Amanda Marlin
EOS Eco-Energy
536-4487
eos@nb.aibn.com
www.eosecoenergy.com



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/wfryer/9229645475>

Creating a fairy village is a great jumping off point for many classroom discussions and life lessons!

What can students learn from creating a fairy village?

- **Community development** – how is a village planned? What should go where?
- **Empathy** – what do fairies need? How can we create a nice space for them?
- **Decision-making** – what should go where in the village? Who should do what?
- **Teamwork** – it takes everyone's help to make a great village!
- **Conflict resolution and negotiation** – students may have different visions and ideas in mind but will have to work together.
- **Fine motor skills** – such tiny work take practice and skill.
- **Creativity** – discover different uses for forest materials.
- **Focus** – working in small spaces takes focus and care.
- **Eco-friendly play** – there's no waste in a fairy village and everything will decompose after you're done. It also doesn't cost anything to create a fairy home from nature!
- **Being kind to nature** – use only materials that have already fallen to the ground; don't hurt the plants and trees.
- **Wonder and excitement** – it's so much fun to be in the woods! There's so much to explore and love. And creating tiny spaces is a magical experience. It can create a life long passion for nature!
- **Scientific reasoning** – do fairies really exist? How could students create an experiment to see if fairies are real? Use the fairy village to test some hypotheses.

I hope you will come back and visit the fairy village with your students again and again during your outdoor class time throughout the year.