

# Sock Gnomes

## Supplies

**Included:** white sock, pair of fuzzy socks, faux fur, twine, silver bell

**Not included:** hot or tacky glue, rice, dry beans, craft pellets or other stuffing, scissors, rubber band, razor blade, utility knife or exacto knife

**Note:** if using a food product like rice as your stuffing, be sure to store your gnome in an airtight container when not displaying. You don't want him to become a mouse's dinner!

### MAKE THE BODY

1. Fill white sock with rice until it reaches the size you want. (Large gnome? Small gnome? It's up to you!)
2. Twist top of sock closed and secure with rubber band.
3. Slide the fuzzy sock over the white sock.
4. Cut excess fabric from the **white** sock. (We wanted to make sure that the white sock would fit in the fuzzy sock before we cut off the excess.)



### TO MAKE THE NOSE

1. To create the nose, add stuffing in the heel, put a rubber band tightly around the nose.
2. Add a rubber band around the top of the fuzzy sock.



### OR

1. Add a rubber band around the top of the fuzzy sock.
2. Hot glue the wood ball about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up the body of the gnome.

### TO MAKE AND APPLY THE BEARD

1. **Measure the width and length of the beard:** Width: simply measure from one side of the fuzzy sock to the other. Think from ear-to-ear. Length: Measure distance from top of nose to bottom of sock.



2. Draw a “U” or rounded off “V” on the back of the fur provided.
3. On the back of the faux fur, press lightly and cut with a razor blade or exacto knife so you do not cut the beard strains. **TIP:** If you only have scissors, use caution as you want to make sure that you cut the least amount of strains. This faux fur is challenging to cut. You want to avoid an overly trimmed beard for these nordic gnomes! Clean cut just isn’t their look. If you need a tutorial, check out:

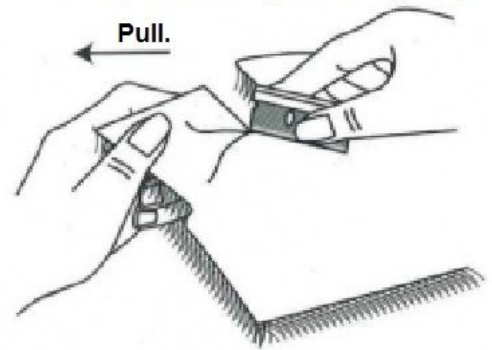
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TgXjICQkQY>

4. (Optional) Cut a small indentation where the nose is so the beard will snug up against the nose more smoothly.
5. Apply glue to the top edge of the beard.
6. Tuck the beard directly under his nose, curving edges slightly upward so the hat (we’ll get to that in a moment) will cover the sides of the beard. Press and hold the beard in place to allow hot glue to dry somewhat.

**TIP:** If you are using tacky glue, you will want to pause here until the glue is dry.

7. Cut the excess off the fuzzy sock.

Cut faux fur through backing only.



## MAKE THE GNOME HAT

1. Stuff a bit of the discarded sock into the toe, twist closed, and secure with a rubber band to create a pompom.
2. Using the second fuzzy sock
  - a. For a floppy hat, roll the top down.
  - b. For a tall hat, tuck the ankle part of the sock into toward the toe of the sock.
3. Hot glue or use tacky glue down the hat to cover the top of the beard and the top of the nose.
4. Thread silver bell onto a piece of twine and tie tightly around the rubber band securing the pompom.
5. Display your cozy new friend with pride! Take a picture of your creation and tag us on Facebook.

