

Make a Tree Boggart

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Boggarts are creatures from folktales and myths, mischievous like goblins, and found living in woodlands. Their stories pull together nature and magic, with a bit of trickery! In modern day people enjoy making boggarts with clay and natural items by attaching them to trees or sticks.

What you'll need:



Natural clay



Sticks



Leaves



Seeds



Pinecones

How to make your boggart:

Boggarts can be built straight onto a tree (if you have permission from the landowner), or onto a large stick so they can be moved around. Unfortunately, The Parks Trust don't allow boggarts in parks - but your school will hopefully let you create them in the schoolgrounds! If you don't have trees, make a stick boggart and "plant" it in the ground for people to enjoy. Remember: if you plan to leave your boggarts outside, avoid anything potentially harmful to wildlife including glitter, varnish or anything plastic or unnatural.

Step 1:

Collect your natural materials - you can use anything that can be found on the ground including sticks, leaves, stones, tree cones and seeds.

Remember: only take things that have naturally fallen, rather than breaking sticks/leaves off trees.



Step 2:

Break off some clay and roll it in your hands until it warms and softens. Mould your clay onto the tree or stick of your choice and add extra features with your hands.

Step 3:

Add your natural items to create your boggart. Think about eyes, a nose, ears, hair, a mouth and anything else you want to add!

Step 4:

If you are creating a stick boggart, allow it to dry lying down on some grease-proof paper, turning over once the front is fully dried.

