



DESIGNING YOUR GNOME

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Here are just a few ideas and suggestions for creating your gnome. Be creative... sometimes the biggest mistakes become a masterpiece of their own! And while we encourage your creativity, My Gnome on the Roam is not responsible for the outcome of any DIY creative expression.

- 1.** Get your gnome ready-give him a little bath with soap and water to remove any grease, dirt, etc. Don't forget to wash your hands (or you could wear gloves if you prefer).
- 2.** You can test any technique on the bottom of your gnome's foot to insure you like the look of the result.
- 3.** You may design your gnome with markers, crayons, paint or even hot glue to adhere things to his outfit, etc.

Paint

If you plan to paint, you may want to prime your gnome which will allow the paint to stick better and gives a smoother finish.

- » Krylon sandable primer is awesome, but be sure to use a spray primer. Take off his head and arms and place a pencil or skewer through the holes to be sure you spray every inch. Tape off the joints with masking tape to be sure they fit back together easily.
- » Acrylic paints cover well and go on smoothly
- » synthetic sable paint brushes give the most beautiful application
- » Remove any tape from the priming process.
- » Make sure your gnome is entirely dry before you begin

Markers

- » Sharpie markers work best on vinyl, especially if you don't want to prime your gnome.
- » You can also use water-based markers, paint pens or even washable markers.
- » DO NOT use enamel markers (they won't dry and can even damage your gnome).

Glue

- » Glue guns work beautifully but be careful, they get very hot!
- » You may also use plastic glue which can be found at hobby and art supply stores.
- » Regular white glue does not stick to vinyl.

4. You may want to protect your gnome by applying a spray (matte or gloss) finish to preserve your design and prevent chipping.

- » If you plan to protect it, you will probably want to begin by priming it, so the finish doesn't remain sticky.
- » Tape up your gnome as described in the PAINT section to insure pieces fit back together easily.

Mistakes

- » Paint, primer, clear coat and most markers can be removed with acetone or nail polish remover
- » Acrylic paint can be scraped off



See you friend!

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