Miniature Scene: " cacao-" Bar in the Kitchen

Instructions No. 4148

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 50 Minutes

Getting Creative Together: This idea was developed in collaboration with ANNA magazine.
On the cold, dark nights leading up to Christmas, there's nothing better than cozying up in the kitchen with some delicious cacao and marshmallows. That's exactly what the Christmas elf in this miniature scene had in mind—and in the process, left quite a mess behind. You can quickly create your own elf kitchen using the many miniature kitchen utensils.



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Designing a Gnome Kitchen

Find a spot where you'd like to set up your miniature world—for example, a clear wall at floor level or on a shelf. That way, the scene around the miniature door can stay in place permanently, and you can add details little by little. Set up the area with a "floor"—made of wood-look material or sturdy cardboard—so that the gnome kitchen looks neat later on and small pieces stay in place.

Before you start decorating, position the miniature door so that it looks like a real entrance to the gnome world. Hold it in the desired spot and lightly mark the edges so it sits straight later. Then secure the door with adhesive glue and press it down briefly. This step is important because the entire miniature scene will be oriented around the door, and a crooked fit will quickly look "unrealistic."

Creating the Frame: Baseboard, Corner, and Pathway

To make the elf door truly part of the room, create a small transition to the surrounding area. Place a window on the wall, a ladder in front of the door, and an elf mailbox for Christmas mail right next to the door. Also plan a small "path" from the door into the kitchen. It doesn't have to be an actual path—even a clear area on the floor is enough to structure the scene logically and guide the eye.

Placing Miniature Furniture

Now set up the basic furniture for your elf kitchen: a small table, two chairs or a bench, and a cabinet will make it look like a complete miniature room. Pay attention to spacing so that everything looks accessible. The table can be placed a little closer to the door—this makes it look as though the elf was in a hurry and "set the table" right there.

Setting Up the Kitchen Area: Countertop and Storage

Place a small kitchen unit or a sideboard against the wall. Later, you'll use it to store items like cups, little pitchers, or small storage containers. Combining different heights automatically creates more depth. The purpose: In miniature worlds, different levels immediately come to life because they function just like real kitchen furniture.

Staging Miniatures for " cacao " and Marshmallows

Decorate the table as if after a cozy evening in the kitchen: small mugs, a little pitcher, and a few "ingredients" create a connection to " cacao , and Marshmallows." Don't arrange the items too symmetrically. A slightly offset arrangement looks more natural, as if the elf had actually used what's there.

Creating Elf Chaos: Crumbs, Traces, and Scattered Details

To make the scene tell a story, deliberately create a little mess. Scatter mini marshmallows or other small, light items around the table as if by chance. Feel free to use cocoa powder and create a few "traces" on the floor with a stencil . Start with small amounts and gradually build up. This keeps the chaos believable and prevents it from looking messy.

window decoration and Mini Accessories for Coziness

Decorate the window with a small curtain or a tiny ornament on the wall. Fabric creates a particularly cozy

atmosphere in miniature worlds because it adds softer textures. A single little plant or a small vase next to the kitchenette is often enough to make the gnome kitchen look “lived-in.”

Finishing touches: visual flow and little surprises
Finally, check where your eye is drawn first. It often helps to place the most eye-catching details (such as cups, little pots, and the “cacao ” trail) in a loose line from the miniature door to the table. This makes it look as if the elf has just scurried right through the door into the kitchen. Feel free to incorporate one or two hidden little details that you only discover upon a second glance—that’s what makes elf-door and miniature worlds especially exciting.

Now it’s your turn: If you want to expand your gnome kitchen or create a new miniature scene around the miniature door, you’ll find plenty of craft supplies and miniatures in our online shop to help you build out your gnome door world step by step.



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Must Have



VBS Miniature door "Sally"

Width: 8 cm
Height: 18 cm
Thickness: 1.5 cm
Material: Plywood

3,90 CHF

Item details

Quantity: - 1 + Add to cart

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
27904	Miniature set "Houseplants"	1
31287	Miniature set "Craft Studio"	1
31044	Miniature record player	1
31278	Miniature set "Office supplies"	1
19254	Secret Santa set "Ironing board, iron & knitting utensils"	1
31294	Miniature coffee service	1
31038	Miniature Set "Coffee"	1
24063	VBS Miniatures "Kitchen utensils", 8 pieces	1
22178	Miniature food processor	1
22170	Miniature dresser with doors	1
31034	Miniature Gift Set "Concert"	1
22173	Stencil footprints	1
22167	Miniature buffet cabinet	1
24240	VBS Miniature door "Sally"	1
22166	Miniature display case	1
19760	Miniature pot set	1
31277	Miniature set "Sofa corner"	1
672153-05	Decoration pendant Glass bottleRound, Flat	1
31279	Miniature set "Flower Power deco"	1
31293	Miniature glass bottles with magic dust	1
31281	Miniature set "Garden idyll"	1
31030	Miniature Gift Set "Bakery"	1

Article number	Article name	Qty
19251	Secret Santa set "Table, bench & chair"	1
19762	Miniature window square "wide depth"	1
21937	Miniature breakfast	1
24242	VBS Miniature ladder "Sam"	1