

Once Upon A Table Secret Mushroom

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Supplies:

- *thick wool felt-red
- *white wool roving
- *needle felt needle
- *felting pad
- *needle/thread
- *drill/spade drill bit
- *scissors
- *sandpaper
- *saw
- *decorative paper
- *wood
- *alternate to wood- toilet paper roll

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Step 1: Start off taking a nature walk with your kiddos. Look for a fallen branch. For this pattern I used a branch about 1.5 inches in diameter. This is a wonderful time of the year to explore nature as she is dormant in the winter months and preparing for spring! *Alternately you can used a toilet paper roll instead of wood if you don't have the tools.

Step 2: Cut the body to the desired size you would like, I made mine about 3 inches tall.

Step 3: Once you have your piece cut, sand down the cut areas of the body and also I striped the bark. This is up to you if you want to leave on the bark or strip it. This can depend on the wood itself. This is also a fun time to learn together about tree identification in the winter months.

Step 4: Secure your wood in a vice grip. Attach a flat spade style drill bit to your drill, find the center and with slow even pressure drill down the center of your wood making your secret channel. I used a 9/16 drill bit for the 1.5 diameter branch. Once you are through your mushroom stem is done



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Step 5: Cut a piece of thick wool felt using the template. I like a nice, thick 100% wool that holds its shape well.

Step 6: Using your white roving and needle felting tools, needle felt your white spots on your felt.

Step 7: When you are done to your liking, join the two sides together to make a cone and stitch it up with red thread. Your cap is done!

Add a fun message, the start to a scavenger hunt, the start to a story, or just a love message on a fun piece of paper and tuck in the center of your mushroom stem, place on the cap and put it on your story table! Enjoy!



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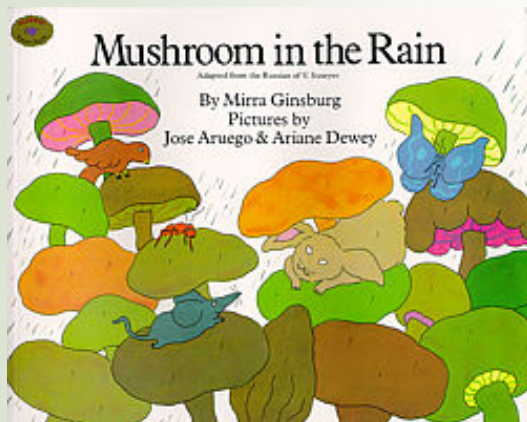
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Story Resources

Fly agarics appear on Christmas Cards and New Years cards from around the world as a symbol of good luck. The ethnobotanist Jonathan Ott has suggested that the idea of Santa Claus and tradition of hanging stockings over the fireplace is based centrally upon the fly agaric mushroom itself.

Mushroom in the Rain



Other Books:

Theodore & the Talking Mushroom

The Mushroom Man

Mushroom Center Disaster



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