

Once Upon A Table Spring Rain

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Story Table Projects

Supplies:

- *100% wool yarn
- *Scissors
- *found wood
- *wood ice cream spoon
- *decorative paper
- *glue
- *saw
- *hammer
- *nails
- *needle/thread



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Step 1: Start off taking a nature walk with your kiddos. Look for a nice piece of fallen wood. I look for fairly smooth bark wood, the size depends on how big you would like it. Cut with hand saw 2 pieces. I used about 1-2 inch diameter. Each piece cut 2-3 inches. On the piece used for the Mouse, cut one end at an angle to create the face area.

Step 2: On the piece for the Elf, use a whittle knife, exacto or my favorite the dremel to create a V or U shaped area cleared away of the bark for the Elf face. Sand the edges smooth on faces and bottoms on both the Mouse and the Elf. Use wood burner or paint to add features to the Mouse and Elf. I like to leave it as simple as possible in the Waldorf tradition so the children can project their emotions on the toys. For the Elf use the enclosed template and enlarge or shrink down for the hat. Cut from felt and fold over in the middle and stitch up the back either by hand or with a zig zag stitch. Hot glue or use wood glue to attach to the Elf.

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Step 3: For your Mouse, add eyes with woodburner or paint as well. Take some embroidery thread or thin yard and cut 3 pieces. Put a knot in the middle to both join the pieces and also to create the nose. Glue this to the face of the Mouse with wood glue or hot glue for a quicker dry time. Cut 2 small half circles from felt. I fold over the felt and cut it at the same time so that both ears are consistent. Glue these to the top of the branch above the face.

Step 4: Use a hand or electric drill and put a small hole on the bottom end and add a piece of yarn for the tale. Your Mouse is done!

Step 5: Use a small wood ice cream stick or popsicle stick and template for the mushroom. I used polka dot scrap-book paper of a cardstock weight. You could also use red construction paper and add white paint dots. Glue together and your mushroom is complete!



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Hat Template



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Mushroom template

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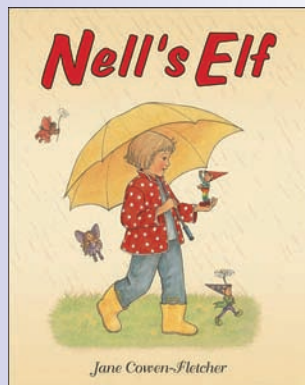
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Story Resources

The Elf and the Dormouse
By Oliver Herford



Nell's Elf
by Jane Coven-Fletcher



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