

# Make a green man

## BRING NATURE HOME ACTIVITY

A green man is a symbol of all the new growth in spring and it helps us be aware of the world around us.

### What you will need

- A tree!
- Clay or soil (to make your own clay)
- Leaves, sticks, acorns - anything natural



Traditionally a green man face is made with green leaves or ivy. We made ours on a tree trunk using clay, sticks and greenery, but you can make yours anywhere and out of anything. Use your imagination!

There is clay in most soils - so if you have access to some soil, in your garden or outdoor space you can follow the steps below to make your own. This is great messy fun with small children, but you'll need a bit of patience!

### Fun fact

There are some trees in the Amazon that actually walk! Yes, that's right! They move towards the light. Of course you would have to watch them for a very long time to actually see them move.



1 Dig up some soil. You can tell how much clay is in your soil by squeezing it together and seeing if it holds - if it does then there is probably some clay present.



2 To separate the clay from the soil fill a third of a bucket with soil and add water. Mix it really well with your hands or a trowel to break up the soil. Let it stand for a few minutes and then give it another stir. This will help to separate the different particles. The grit and sand will sink to the bottom. Let it stand for another five minutes.



3 Drape a folded sheet over another bucket and carefully pour your soil solution onto the sheet so that the mixture seeps through. Gather the corners of your sheet and tie it together. Hang it up (outside) for up to 24 hours (this may vary depending on how much moisture is in your mixture). The moisture should seep away leaving clay.

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