

# CountrySampler

## Gnome Door Hanger

Craft a charming woodland-themed character to give your front door a burst of autumn color and whimsy.

### Materials and Tools

12" square of sturdy cardboard  
Ruler  
Pencil  
Scissors or utility knife  
16" x 38" rectangle of orange burlap  
Hot glue gun and glue sticks  
3 artificial fall maple leaf stems  
(1 long stem and 2 shorter stems)

Individual artificial fall maple leaves  
2½" wide plaid ribbon  
Natural burlap ribbon  
Spray adhesive  
3" white foam ball  
White crew sock  
Rubber band  
Artificial fall berry and acorn picks  
Jute twine

### Instructions

1. For the hat, draw a triangle with two 12" sides and one 9" side on the cardboard. Cut out the shape.
2. Fold the orange burlap in half along the 16" edge, with the fold at the bottom. Place the cardboard triangle on the burlap, about 3" from the bottom. This is the back side of the gnome (see photo A).
3. Cut the right side of the burlap on an angle about 2" wider than the cardboard (see photo B).
4. Fold the right side of the burlap over the cardboard and glue the edges down (see photo C). Let dry.
5. Fold the left side of the burlap over the cardboard. Do not pull the burlap taut against the front of the cardboard; allow for a slight pocket between the burlap and the front of the cardboard to accommodate stuffing later (see photo D).
6. Cut the excess burlap on an angle and glue both layers in place over the right side of the burlap (see photo E). Let dry.
7. Turn the hat over to the front side. Fold up the bottom 3" of burlap all the way around to form a brim (see photo F).
8. Carefully turn the hat over to the back side. Even out the brim by tucking in any excess burlap (see photo G) and glue down the ends (see photo H). Let dry. A small area of cardboard may still be visible, but it will be covered later by the plaid ribbon.



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9. To form the beard, turn the hat front side up and experiment with the position of the three leaf stems until you achieve your desired shape, starting with the longest stem in the middle.

10. Leave the stems in place on your work surface and then turn the hat over to the back side. Glue the ends of the stems securely onto the brim. (The stem ends will be covered later with the plaid ribbon.) Let dry completely.

11. Turn the hat to the front side and attach individual leaves in rows, gluing them to the undersides of the other leaves to fill in any gaps.

12. Cut plaid ribbon to cover the brim and glue the ends in place on the back side. For a more finished look, tuck the ribbon edges into the brim.

13. Cut small squares of plaid ribbon and natural burlap ribbon to mimic frayed patches. Arrange on the front of the hat and secure with spray adhesive.

14. Slip a few scraps of burlap between the front of the hat and the cardboard up to the point to give it extra dimension.

15. To make the nose, cut off the foot portion of the crew sock and discard (see photo I). Insert the foam ball into the middle of the sock (see photo J). Hold the sock tight around the ball and then gather together the two open ends of the sock. Tie the two ends together with a rubber band (see photo K).

16. Tuck the nose just under the hat brim, concealing the rubber band under the hat, and glue the nose onto the hat and the cardboard.

17. Glue a fall pick and leaves onto the hat near the brim. Cinch the top of the hat with twine adorned with artificial acorns.

18. Fasten a loop of twine as a hanger on the back of the hat.

When finished, the gnome measures about 31½" tall.

**(See photos on next page.)**

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