



Another (Different) Gnome

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Gnomes are so popular, and we think you're going to want to add this one to your collection. He's not only a cute little decoration, but he's constructed on an empty pill bottle so you can insert a special prize (such as candy or money) making him into a gift bearer!

He can be any size; however for this project we chose one that is kind of chubby. The bottle is 3" high with a 2" diameter. We also selected a bottle that has a little lip and not the flat cap type.

First -

- Put cap upside down on the bottle so it makes it easy to remove.
- Cut a piece of felt that covers the bottle from top to bottom.
- Run a small line of tacky glues around the top & bottom edge to hold in place, & stitch by hand.

Now you are ready to put him together.

Add Hat and Beard -

- The **Hat** can be any fabric you choose. Cut one and sew.
- Cut **Beard** from a 3” x 5” piece of fur of your choice. Draw beard pattern on back & cut out making sure you cut only the backing not the fur itself.
- Put beard on gnome & lightly stitch in place.
- Next pull the hat on. Turn edge under and stitch to hold.

You may want to put the hat and beard in place before attaching to make sure you like the way it looks.

Now it's time to add that ever popular **nose**, which is a simple circle gathered around a ball of stuffing sewn in place.

Finally you can have the hat stand up, or as I prefer, turn it to one side and tack it to hold in place. A little star or bell is a nice touch!

If you liked this idea, I'd like to invite you to check out more “**Pill Bottle People**” patterns. They are more complicated but much more fun.

The tooth fairy pill bottle pattern was never so cute. She keeps that tooth safe until the cash is left in exchange. There's another group of fun funky folks, which include angels, fairies others such as the quilter, who not only holds needles etc. But the base is a little pin cushion.

Lots of fun...bet you can't just make one.

