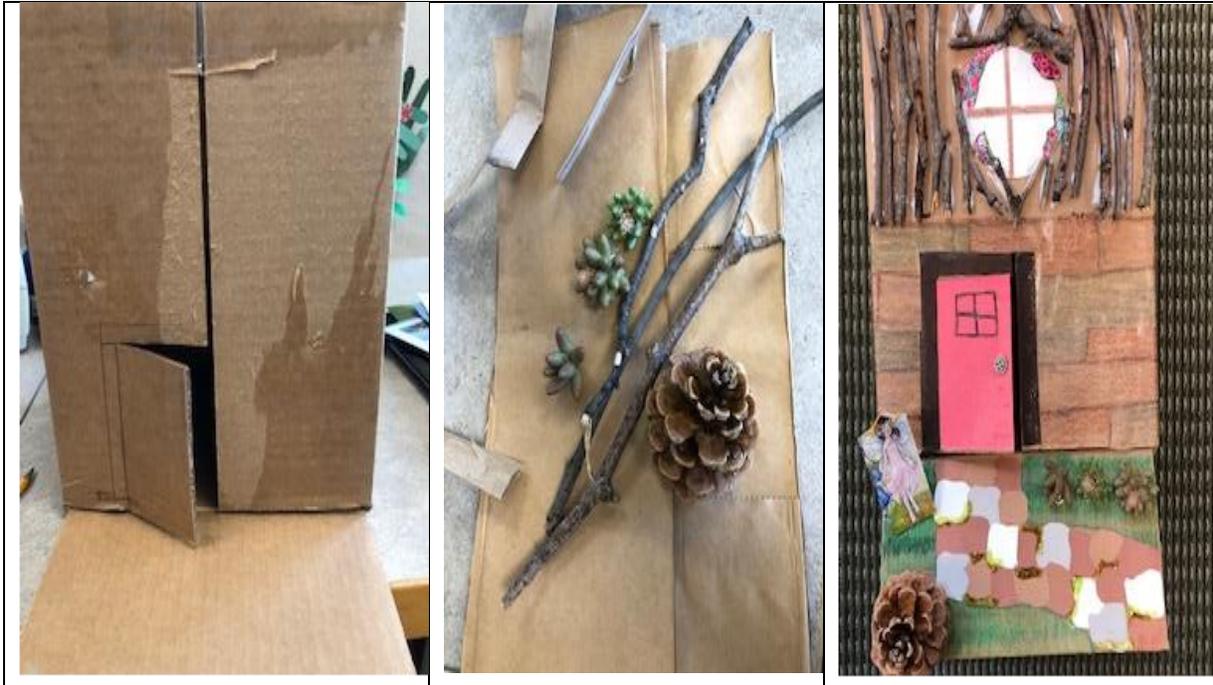


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. I am sure that you have heard of a fairy tale. It is a magical story about imaginary beings and happy places. We often think of tiny fairies living in these small homes and cottages. Fairies, sometimes with their feather-light wings, are associated with forests, or woodland communities. This week, we are going to design our very own fairy home or cottage. It will be a magical process to see a simple box turn into an amazing fairy home. Start with a walk around the neighborhood and see what all the houses are made of and how they have different windows, doors, and yards. Then gather different objects from inside or outside your home—stones, twigs, pine cones, buttons, ribbon, fabric scraps, or anything you think will make your fairy home enchanting.



1-Pull one flap out from the top of a cardboard box. Flip the box so this flap sits flat on the table. This can be the front yard of your fairy house or cottage. Try to remove any labels or tape to make it easier to color or cover. You can cover the outside of the box with a brown paper bag, or color white paper and attach to the box. Gather your supplies from inside or outside, and lay them out before gluing to see how everything will look together.

2- Create windows, doors, and a roof. Cover the home with brick or boards. Decorate the yard with a fairy path for all to visit. Make an enchanting garden with trees and flowers using paper, coloring, or small stones. You can start your fairy home and add special treasures as you find them during the summer. You can ask friends, family, or neighbors, if they want to add something to your fairy home.



May all your fairy dreams come true! Ms. Susan