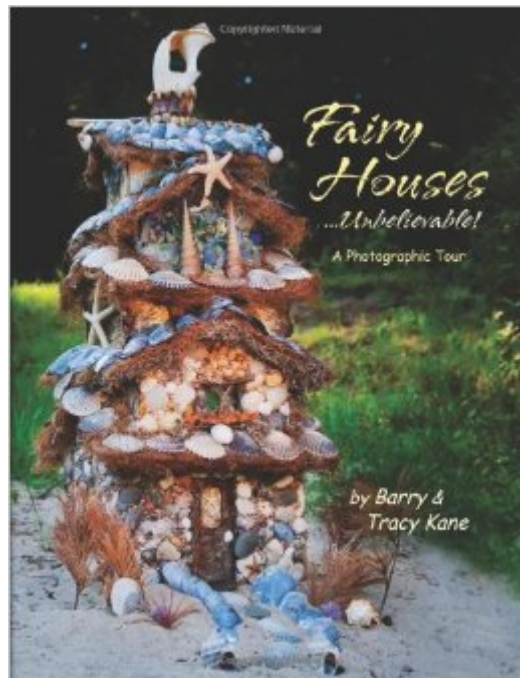


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# Fairy Houses . . . Unbelievable!: A Photographic Tour (The Fairy Houses Series)



## Synopsis

Conducting a unique photographic tour, this book explores a variety of whimsical fairy houses designed and built by gardeners, artists, nature lovers, and children. It pictures amazingly diverse miniature homes that have been constructed with natural materials, revealing the woods as a veritable treasure trove. Featured creations include transforming milkweed pods into fairy beds, producing tiny dishes from acorn caps, crafting a woodland library of pint-sized books from birch bark, and constructing a fairy artist's studio inside a pumpkin. This collection invites one and all to be transported to a world of enchantment while bringing out the architect in adults and kids alike.

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## Customer Reviews

Have you ever seen a fairy house? The tradition of building fairy houses originated on several islands off the coast of New England. They are small structures made from natural materials, such as sticks, bark, dry grasses, pebbles, shells, feathers, seaweed, pine cones, nuts, and even pumpkins, by children, gardeners, artists, and nature lovers for fairies and nature's friends to visit. Their diversity is astounding. This unique collection of photographs, in which you will find tree habitats, cottages, gardens, fairy tale settings, seaside homes, whimsical villages, amusements, and even a fairy library of miniature books crafted out of birch bark, is chosen from thousands of fairy houses built at events and workshops held by co-author Tracy Kane. What do you think a fairy circus would look like? Tracy's goal with the award-winning "Fairy Houses Series" of books is to inspire families to connect with nature through the activity of creating these small habitats for fairies. Co-author Barry Kane photographs the fairy houses. Together, they partner with communities to

develop "Fairy Houses Tours" which benefit many non-profit organizations. The "Fairy Houses Series" consists of "The Photo Series" with Fairy Houses...Everywhere!, Fairy Houses and Beyond!, and now Fairy Houses...Unbelievable!; a mystery book, Forest Secrets, for ages 8 and up; and "The Illustrated Series" of illustrated picture books with Fairy Houses, Fairy Boat, and Fairy Flight, as well as a DVD Kristen's Fairy House, for ages 3 and up. And these books are not just for kids. What began as a child's activity has quickly captured the hearts of all ages. Anyone who enjoys beautiful, natural photography will love this book.

This book is full of funky fairy houses. I've worked with garden minatures for twenty years and have never seen any thing like these houses. Most are made from natural materials and found objects. It's refreshing to that there is a truley creative person out there with a the heart of a child. These cottages an buildings are very complicated but wow what a inspriation. This book has set my mind reeling. Enjoy!

This book has every aspect of making a fairy garden out of natural items you might find in your yard or on a walk thru the woods. Extremely charming pictures.

Full of amazing fairy houses! My students love it! They are clearly made by adults, not kids, but my first and second graders were so inspired!

The amount of time and effort that went into making this book must have been astounding, and very fun at the same time! Every page is filled with beautiful big pictures of all the intricately detailed aspects of each meticulously made fairy house, all made from natural materials. I especially liked how each house was themed to a specific location/ecosystem. Truly a great work of art in my opinion. This book is inspiring us to plan to try a hand at building our own fairy houses soon.

The focus is on building Fairy Houses with found objects in natural settings. There is a lot of inspiration for creative use of natural objects: bark, moss, shells, feathers, mushrooms, sliced branches, grasses, pebbles and much else. Most of these beautiful creations are ephemeral - to be admired for a brief time before the elements destroy them. These might not often find their way into "fairy gardens" where plantings in a tended garden, along with "fairy paraphernalia" are popular. It is not a how to book, except by finished example. Children and less patient adults might find these creations a big challenge. Still, there are a lot of visual clues to inspire creation of fairy environs at

many levels.

My granddaughters enjoyed the pictures of the various fairy houses, but they are too complicated for them to use these as a guide for making their own houses. The original book, Kristen's Fairy House, was much better. After reading it, they went right outside to search for materials for their own houses.

I bought this for a class I was teaching and the children loved it! It doesn't give any detailed tutorials but the pictures are amazing! The book itself is beautiful and I'm going to get the next one. It is filled with great ideas!

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