

Mini Wooden Cottage

Product Code: EY10496/EY10471 (3 pack)

These charming, wooden cottages are sold separately or in a pack of three. They lend themselves to an incredible world of different scenes and environments. They are an open-ended resource where children can pave their own learning but also a wonderful addition to adult-led learning.

- Create a scene from a fairy tale with them e.g. Three Little Pigs. You may choose to have three cottages and place a little pig in each. Team this up with Miniature Bricks (EY04910). You could cut up pieces of yellow paper as hay and use sticks to represent the three dwellings. Encourage the children to act out the story of the Three Little Pigs. Make sure you leave the book for the children to refer back too.
- You could set up seasonal provocations for children to explore. For a winter scene you could add Instant Snow (FSNOW) and cotton balls for children to create snowmen. For a spring scene you could find little lambs and chicks and create a farmyard environment. For a summer scene you could collect flowers and leaves with the children. You could even add some sand and pretend it is a seaside cottage. You can encourage children to talk about the places that they have visited and recall from their own experiences. For an autumnal environment you could take the children on a walk to collect different coloured leaves, conkers, acorns etc. You can introduce and extend their vocabulary with words such as; autumnal, auburn and amber coloured leaves, scorching sunshine, arctic cold etc.
- You can place this cottage on top of the Glow Mountain (EY07204) and create a light up wonderland for children to explore. Include characters such as fairies and animals. Add furniture like the Woodland Furniture (EY07256) and accessories to allow children to create and build up stories. You could add moss and pebbles to create for walls and pathways. Ensure the children have access to different materials to create.
- The cottage could belong to the Three Bears from Goldilocks or the house from 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen etc. It could belong to various other story characters or even a superhero! You could even use three cottages and create a busy street scene, using them as different types of shops.
- Sit the collage in a lovely garden scene. Add a vegetable path, some green etc.