For the last couple of weeks I've been toying with a new idea. This idea combines several of the things I want to do into one project that can start small and grow over time - programming, writing, publishing, interacting with children, pulling my own family into my creative endeavors, and most of all being creative - also hopefully making enough money to live on. So here, for you perusal, are my thoughts on My Fairy Garden. Please forward this off to anyone you know who might enjoy it - as I'm always trying to increase the number of people who my "newsletter" goes out to. Sign up at www.douglasgclarke.com/lists/?p=subscribe

My Fairy Garden

The product consists of several different pieces. The first is a subscription called "My Fairy Garden of the Month." The second is a web site. The third, which will come later, is an iPad/iPhone based game.

My Fairy Garden of the Month

The My Fairy of the Month product that will contain the following components:

- 5.5 x 8.5 inch picture
- 4, 8, 12, or 16 page story book
- 6 cm tall plastic fairy
- Fairy Spotter Guide Page(s)
- Activity worksheet
- Craft project
- Activation Code

Picture

An art quality drawing of a fairy in its natural environment. The drawings will be created by various artists and printed on heavy stock.

Book

A short story, with illustrations by the same artist who created the picture. The story will feature the month's fairy and will tie into the activity and craft project.

Fairy Figurine

Created from the picture and illustrations, this will be a hand painted plastic figurine about 6 cm tall - suitable as a toy or collecting.

Fairy Spotter Guide Page(s)

The first month's order will come with a small 3-ring binder with several pages. Then each month new pages will be provided that will have information about the months fairy. Also, sometime additional pages will be provide to cover topics such as spring time and the first frost. Over time an entire field guide will be created.

Activity Worksheet

The worksheet will be a collection of activities related to the month's fairy, such as: word search, crossword puzzles, pictures to color, word games, logic puzzles, mazes, and connect the dots.

Craft Project

The craft will be something for the child to do with their hands, ranging from: fairies, mobiles, fairy doors, and fairy toys.

Activation Code

The code that can be used online or inside of the iPad/iPhone game to unlock special features.

My Fairy Garden Web Site

The web site will have several components:

- An introduction to the site
- A way to register
- Information on monthly subscriptions
- A statement about using recycled material in our production
- Excerpts from the Fairy Spotter Guide, with pages to download and print
- Additional activity sheets to download and print out
- A place to post pictures drawn by visitors
- A place to post stories written by visitors
- Frequently Asked Questions page about fairies
 - Eventually games to play

My Fairy Garden App

You will create your own personal fairy garden, where you learn how to create an environment to attract fairies. You will have to manage your resources, read stories to figure out clues, and make a home that will attract the kind of fairy you want.

Using the activation codes you can attract special fairies and unlock new levels.

Springtime in My Fairy Garden

H E A T H E R B X R I E J A S M I N E L
I I M P A T I E N S N O W D R O P F D N
D A F F O D I L S T U L I P C R A E A R
P U S S Y W I L L O W U N E H C N O I R
O P L I L Y S F O X G L O V E H S Z S I
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P A P R I M R O S E H S U S R D E N A I
Y C R O C U S W E E T P E A Y S S N I S
A H E G A R D E N I A M A G N O L I A E
R O S E S M A R I G O L D S L I L A C S

Fairies love the spring flowers. How many of them can you find?

Bellflower	Magnolia
Cherry	Marigolds
Crocus	Orchids
Daffodils	Pansies
Daisy	Peach
Foxglove	Poppy
Gardenia	Primrose
Heather	Pussy Willow
Impatiens	Rose
Irises	Snowdrop
Jasmine	Sweet Pea
Lavender	Tulip
Lilacs	Zinnia
Lily	



Rose and Blossom went to the garden early one morning only to find that Frost had beaten them there.

The three girls picked flowers together, but each girl only picked one kind. Rose picked the flower she was named after. Blossom picked small pink flowers. Frost picked multi-colored pansies.

When they were done they sat along the side of the birdbath and dangled their toes in the cool water. Blossom mentioned how the red color of one of the girls flowers matched her blouse. Another one of the girls said that she should have picked the Impatiens so they would have matched her blouse. The third girl said she liked the pink flowers with another girls white blouse.

Rose wore a _	blouse and
picked	_ colored
Blossom wore	
and picked	colored
Frost wore a _	blouse and
picked	colored

Fairy Door

While most fairies do not live in little house, many fairies do enjoy having a doors near their homes.

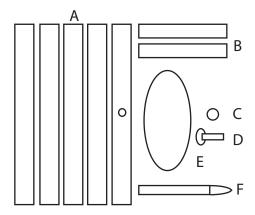
Fairy doors can be made from many different things: wood, plastic, metal, and even paper, however natural materials are usually the best.

This month's kit comes with supplies to make two fairy doors and I'm sure you can find other things around your house to make other doors.

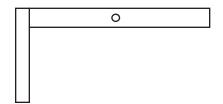
Kit on as the following parts:

- A door panels
- B top and bottom of door
- C doorknob
- D doorknob screw
- E paint
- F pain brush

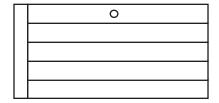
You will also need some white glue, water, and some paper towels.



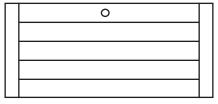
Start building your door by putting a tiny amount of glue in the grove on one of the B pieces. Then carefully put the narrow end of one the A pieces into the grove. Start with the piece that has a hole in it.



Now place the other four A pieces into the grove, making sure that they touch each other.



Apply glue to the grove of the other B piece and then press it over the ends of the A pieces, being careful not to push them out of the piece they are already glue to.



Get a small amount of water in a small cup or bowl. Open up the paint container and find the brush. Get the tip of the brush wet in the water and then touch it to the paint. Move the brush around gently until the paint is on the brush. (Repeat dipping in the water as needed, but be careful not to get too much water in the paint.)

Paint the one side of the door and then let it dry. After it is dry, turn the door over and paint the other side.

If you have other colors of pain, or markers, you can use these to make your door more colorful.



After the paint is dry, take the screw (part D) and put it through the doorknob (C). Now using the back of the paint brush, screw the doorknob into the hole in the door.



Now that your door is complete, you can take it out into your garden and find a place to put it.

Against a tree trunk is always a good choice. You can also place it against a flower pot.

Rock and Pebble fairies will love to find your door up against a rock. While Hearth Fairies will be looking for an invitation like this up against the outside of your house. Make sure it is alright with you parents before you go inviting Hearth Fairies into your house.



Rose Fairy



Rose fairies are most often found in flower gardens and favor roses of every color. Besides enjoying the beautiful aroma of roses in bloom, rose fairies will tend to the wellbeing of the rose bushes they live near by. They do this by gathering nearby ladybugs and bring them to rose bushes that are being eaten by aphides.

While they can be found in gardens all year long, spring is the time to look for them. During the fall and winter they dress in greens and brown, but when the first rosebuds are on the bushes they don their bright reds and yellows to celebrate spring.

Rose fairies are often found with Blossom and Peach Fairies, but are friendly with most fairies.

Rose fairies eat berries and honey in the spring and summer and mostly nuts during the fall and winter months. In areas with heavy snows the Rose fairy will find a tree hollow to sleep in. During the spring they will most often be found sleeping in rose blossoms.