



Making Activity: Patupaiarehe Peg People

What we're doing

Our *Tauranga Moana Waterscapes* show exhibited many artworks' featuring Mauao created by local artists like Kelcy Taratoa, Ethel MacMillan and Duane Moyle.

In this activity, you'll custom make your very own forest fairies - let your imagination run wild and use them in games, as accessories or in the garden!

What you'll need

- **Wooden pegs** (Briscoes or Officemax)
- **Black fine line pen or biro**
- **Twink or white paint pen**
- **Pipe cleaner** (cut in half)
- **Felt pens or washi tape**
- **Artificial flowers** (deconstructed to just the petal part)
- **Artificial leaves** (from the above flowers)
- **Cool melt glue gun**



The local purakau about Mauao tells of the Patupaiarehe (forest fairies) dragging their mountain friend towards the ocean where he finds his place at the mouth of Te Awanui.

[Find the story here...](#)

Who are
Patupaiarehe?

Get ready to make some art!

Step 1: Draw 2 white dots with your paint pen onto your peg and allow to dry, draw pupils, a mouth and any other features you would like.

Step 2: Cut into the center of your flower and decide where you would like to place it on your peg body. Squirt glue all around that area and wrap around the flower.

Step 3: Either use washi tape and or felt tip pens to add some more clothing – a top, pants, shoes etc.

Step 4: Lay your peg Patupaiarehe face down on top of your pipe cleaner and twist it at the back, then pull each end around to the front to create arms.

Step 5: Lie your Patupaiarehe face down, put glue onto your leaves 1 at a time and stick them to the back of the peg to make wings.

Step 6: If you are using raw wool, you can cut off a small amount, squeeze some glue onto the top of the head and press the wool down to make hair. Alternatively, you could cut individual strands of wool and add smaller amounts of glue to the head, adding each piece at a time.

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