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Make a Mouse House

Pick a small clearing in the woods with good moss cover , ferns and sticks.
Prop two sticks with a “Y” fork about 20 cm from the base of a tree or stone.
Place two longer sticks from the uprights to the base of the tree.
Cover the sticks with smaller twigs to act as a roof skeleton.
Cover the ‘roof’ with ferns.
Put moss inside the mouse house for the mouses comfort.
Use sticks or coloured leaves to make a ‘garden’ around the mouse house.
Use coloured leaves to make a path to the house.

With a little bit of practice you will be able to make one as you describe your actions to the children. The more imagination and energy you put into your house, the more they will respond. You will have to help to start them off with the basic roof structure. Ask them to work on their garden or collect seeds for the mouse to eat.

Did you know...?
Coal is made from ancient plants like ferns
and mosses..!!

