

## Garden Gate

### Supplies included:

- Wooden paint stir sticks, 9 (14")
- Foam brush
- Brown paint
- Robin's egg blue paint
- Small foam eggs, 4
- Straight pins, 4
- Scrap of craft foam
- Hot glue gun
- Hot glue sticks
- Chenille stem
- Burlap square (4" x 4")
- Spanish moss
- Assorted silk leaves and flowers
- Pop tab



### Supplies to gather at home:

- Cup
- Water
- 1 Tbsp. measuring spoon (optional)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil

### Directions:

1. Plug in the glue gun to start heating.
2. Pour the brown paint into a cup. Add 2 tablespoons of water and stir. (You can estimate the amount of water if you do not have a measuring spoon.)
3. Using the foam brush, apply a thin coat of the brown paint to the blank side of all nine paint stir sticks. Set aside to dry. (The sticks will warp as they absorb the water. They will flatten again as they dry, but try not to soak them too much when you paint them.)
4. Clean the foam brush and squeeze out excess water.
5. Carefully poke the straight pins through the scrap of craft foam. Spear each foam egg on a pin to use it as a stand.
6. Pour out the robin's egg blue paint and paint the four eggs. Set aside to dry.
7. Clean the brush again and set aside.
8. To start the nest, make a 3" ring with the chenille stem.
9. Glue the burlap square to the ring, creating a cup shape. Trim off the extra corners.

10. Shape the Spanish moss into a nest shape and glue it into the burlap cup. Set aside.
11. When the paint sticks are dry, set two aside and flip the rest over so you can see the words.
12. Two paint sticks (#1)—measure 3 ½ inches from the bottom and draw a line. Measure 3 inches from the top and draw a line. Set aside.
13. Two paint sticks (#2)—measure 3 inches from the bottom. Measure 3 ½ inches from the top.
14. Two paint sticks (#3)—measure 2 ½ inches from the bottom. Measure 4 inches from the top.
15. One paint stick (#4)—measure 2 inches from the bottom. Measure 4 ½ inches from the top.
16. Arrange the paint sticks in this order and line up the pencil marks: 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1.
17. Glue one of the extra paint sticks across the bottom of the numbered sticks, with the pencil marks at the bottom edge of the crosspiece. Use the end of the other paint stick or your ruler to evenly space the sticks.
18. Glue the second crosspiece across the top, with the pencil marks at the top edge of the crosspiece.
19. Glue the eggs into the nest.
20. Arrange the nest, flowers, and leaves as desired, and glue them to the gate.
21. Glue the pop tab to the back of the highest paint stick as a hanger.