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The Elf on the Shelf® Gumdrop Topiary



There's only one thing that elves love more than sweets – decorating for the holidays! This gorgeous gumdrop topiary is a perfect combination of the two! Create this festive decor item with your family this holiday season!

You'll Need:

- Large craft foam ball
- Toothpicks
- Gumdrops
- Wooden dowel (up to 1" thick)
- A base to put your topiary in (the scout elves used a metal bucket)
- Glue gun
- Glue sticks for glue gun
- Floral foam (make sure it will fit in your base)
- Ribbon (optional)
- River rocks (optional)

Instructions:

1. Take the wooden dowel and insert it approximately 3" into your craft foam ball.
2. With an adult's help, hot glue the wooden dowel into the Styrofoam ball; cut the dowel to the length you want.
3. Break a toothpick in half and insert the pointy end into the bottom of a gumdrop; then, insert the broken end into the craft foam. Continue this until you have your entire ball covered in gumdrops. Make sure you place the gumdrops very closely together so that no craft foam is visible in between (see picture..)
4. Insert the other end of the wooden dowel into the floral foam; have an adult help you to hot glue it in place.
5. Place the floral foam into your base. You may need a weighted object, such as river rocks, to put in your base to keep the gumdrop topiary from tipping over.
6. Use the ribbon to tie a bow near the top of the wooden dowel.
7. Display somewhere for all your loved ones to see!