

What do you know about a Leprechaun?

The name LEPRECHAUN is derived from the old Irish word “luchorpan” which means “little body”. A leprechaun is an Irish faerie who appears as a little old man who enjoys mischief. The original description of a leprechaun said that he wore a red coat but over the years the description changed so that our popular notion of what he wears now is green. They prefer to live in wooded places and are shoemakers by profession. If you should be in a wooded place especially where oak, ash and blackthorn trees grow and you should hear the tap, tap, tap of a cobbler’s hammer, then you know you have found a leprechaun. All leprechauns have a pot of gold that they keep in an undisclosed location. One of the favorite places for a leprechaun to hide his pot of gold is at the end of a rainbow. If you capture a leprechaun he might reveal the location of his gold in order for you to set him free, but be careful not to blink or look away or he may vanish before your eyes!

For a fun activity copy the LEPRECHAUN MARIONETTE page onto heavy paper. Follow the directions and enjoy your new LEPRECHAUN friend!

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