



1. Cut the two sides and set them in place against the tree where the door will go, using a piece of 1x6 as a spacer. Hold the sides plumb, then scribe and cut them to fit. If the tree flares out too much at the base, use 1x8s for the sides. After scribing, hold one of the sides against the tree to get a rough measurement for the roof length.



2. Cut the door out of the 1x8, using your gnome as a guide if desired. Cut the door into Dutch doors, then cut an extra 1/4 inch off the bottom for clearance. Sand and bevel the back edges opposite the hinges so the doors will open. Then attach the hinges - loosely at first, with just one nail per side, until you're sure the doors fit right.



3. - Glue and clamp the sides to the front.

- Clamp the long side and short side of the roof together so the sides are equal.

- Clamp the cross beam to the front of the house.

- Glue the rear roof beam down.

After all the glue has set, attach the base to the bottom with four screws, leaving a gap at the rear of the base to avoid the tree trunk. Scribe the roof to the tree. Paint and decorate as you see fit.

