

HOW TO BUILD A SCARECROW!!

What you'll need:

2 pieces of wood to make a frame, straw to stuff your scarecrow, some twine, and your choice of clothing and accessories! Why not visit the Ferne Charity Shops to buy your clothing and accessories!



Build the frame. Begin by centering a 5 foot (1.5 m) stick near the top of a 6 to 8 foot (1.8 to 2.4 m) stick, rake handle or garden pole. This creates the shoulders of the scarecrow. Fasten the shorter stick in place using a screwdriver and screw, some twine, or hot glue.

Put the shirt on. Dress your scarecrow with whatever clothing you would like. Get creative! - Remember the spooky theme!! Using the horizontal stick for his arms. Tie the arm ends and bottom of the shirt using twine or wire.



Stuff the shirt/clothing. Strategically stuff the shirt to fill out your scarecrow. Straw, hay, leaves, grass clippings, wood chips and rags are all acceptable stuffing materials. Try to avoid using newspaper to stuff your scarecrow, however, as rainfall may cause it to become soggy and shapeless.



Put the overalls / trousers on: Make a hole in the seat of the overalls for the vertical stick to pass through. Put the overalls on the scarecrow, placing the straps on the shoulders. Tie the cuffs with twine or wire. Fill out the legs of the overalls/trousers using the same stuffing as you used for the shirt.

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Give your scarecrow hands. Old fashioned scarecrows had straw sticking out the cuffs of the shirt sleeves, but to make a more realistic human, you can use old work gloves or gardening gloves. Fill the gloves with enough stuffing to keep them in shape, tuck in the ends of the shirt sleeves, then secure with wire or twine.

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Give him feet. Stick the cuffs of the pants into the tops of some old work boots, or other shoes. Secure using either string sewn into each component, or hot melt glue.

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Using burlap. A burlap sack, used to protect trees, or carry potatoes and coffee beans, is perfect for making a scarecrow head.

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Using a pumpkin. Choose a nice, round pumpkin. Cut a large, round hole on the top of the pumpkin (around the stem) and scoop out the insides. Use a sharp knife to cut out the facial features of your scarecrow. Skewer the bottom of the pumpkin onto the scarecrow's neck and secure with glue or tape if necessary.

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Using a pillowcase. A pillowcase is another option for making a scarecrow head and is something which you are likely to have around the house.^[1] To make your scarecrow head with a pillowcase



Using other household items. There are any number of possibilities when it comes to making your scarecrow's head. If you're trying to keep the cost of building your scarecrow down to a minimum, just use whatever items you have lying around



Give your scarecrow facial features. You can give your scarecrow facial features using an endless array of materials. Decide whether you want him to look smiling and happy or grumpy and menacing.



Give your scarecrow some hair. Glue some straw to your scarecrow's head to give the effect of hair. Don't worry about making it look neat, he's supposed to look scary, after all! Alternatively, glue an old wig to his head or use an old mop.

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Accessorize. You can personalize your scarecrow by accessorizing it any way you like. His most important accessory, however, is a straw hat. Use any old hat you have lying around and secure to his head with hot glue.

Finished!

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Do you think you have what it takes to build a winning Scarecrow!? Get your skates on because the deadline for all entries is Wednesday 21st October! Visit the website to download the entry form and for more information about how to enter this competition!

We have 4 different categories to enter your scarecrow into:

- Best Spooky/Scary Scarecrow! The winning entry will be the scariest/spookiest scarecrow of them all!
- “On The Job” Scarecrow – Why not choose a career for your beloved scarecrow and dress him up for work!? Perhaps a doctor, a police man, a fireman, a chef???? You choose!
- Most Innovative/Interactive Scarecrow – Can you make your Scarecrow super innovative and a bit different? Winning entries will be something very special!
- Best All Rounder – Perhaps you want to do something completely different or just do your own thing! The winning entry will be fun, eye catching and spectacular!

Entries are open NOW! Closing date for all entries is WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER –

SO DON'T HANG AROUND! :)