

TIPS FOR BUILDING SCARECROWS

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HEAD: Head can be made of pillowcases, burlap, plastic pumpkins, milk jugs, Styrofoam or old tee-shirts. Eyes, noses and mouths can be made using felt, yarn, seeds, corncobs, buttons, or painted, using waterproof paint, directly onto the head material. Hair can be made from yarn, raffia, rope, wigs, old mop heads or straw. Old hats complete the look.

BODY: Structurally, the weakest points of a scarecrow are usually the neck and waist. Sewing the head to the shirt and the shirt to the pants helps stability, or using A stick running from the head into the upper torso will help keep the head erect. Some people make a cross out of old broom handles and duct tape them together for an armature. Keep in mind the weight of anything you use, as it can affect your scarecrow's balance. Staple-gunning the head onto the stick or broom handle helps keep the head stable. Bodies made from a shirt stuck into overalls hold together well. A jumpsuit stuffed with straw and then dressed with other clothes is probably the easiest to construct.

STUFFING: This can include plastic shopping bags filled with bunched up newspapers, packing peanuts, leaves, plastic bags or shredded paper. Use carpet thread, diaper pins, staples or wire to join body parts. Wire coat hangers are sometimes helpful to make arms. Stuff some old gloves and affix for hands. Tying pant legs shut before stuffing helps keep stuffing in. Shoes should be as lightweight as possible and wired onto the pants or put on once the scarecrow is in place.

DISPLAY: Scarecrows can be freestanding, fastened to a stake and put into a bucket filled with rock or cement, or seated on straw bales or chairs. Scarecrows should be stable and be able to withstand strong winds or rain