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How to Create a Scarecrow: An Illustrated Guide for Kids



Creating a scarecrow can be a fun and creative project! Follow these simple steps to make your very own scarecrow. Gather your materials, and let's get started!

Materials You Will Need:

Clothes:

- Old shirt (long sleeves)
- Old trousers or skirt
- Hat (optional - but fun)

Stuffing:

- Straw (or shredded paper, leaves, or old clothes – care- cows, horses or donkeys may eat the scarecrow if you use an edible filling)

Frame:

- Two wooden sticks or broom handles (one for the body and one for the arms)
- Rope or twine

Face:

- A pillowcase or hessian/canvas sack
- Or an old football

Markers or paint for decorating

Tools (ask an adult for help):

- Scissors
- Hammer (for stakes, if needed)
- Safety pins or waterproof tape

Step 1: Make the Frame

Create the Body:

Take one of your wooden sticks and stand it upright. This will be the body of your scarecrow.

Add Arms:

Take the second stick and make a cross shape by placing it at the top of the first stick. Secure it with rope, twine or a nail/screw.

Step 2: Dress Your Scarecrow

Put on the Clothes:

Start with the shirt. Slip it over the top of the upright stick.

Next, put the pants (or skirt) on the bottom half. You can tie the pants at the waist with rope to keep them in place.

Stuff the Clothes:

Fill the shirt and pants with straw or crushed up paper / egg boxes. Make sure it's stuffed enough to give your scarecrow shape!

Step 3: Create the Face

Prepare the Head:

Take a pillowcase or an old potato sack and fill it with straw or crumpled paper to shape a head.

Decorate the Face:

Use markers or paint to draw eyes, a nose, and a mouth on the sack. Get creative! You can make your scarecrow look funny, spooky, or silly!

Attach the Head:

Place the head on top of the stick and secure it with rope or twine.

Step 4: Add Accessories

Hat:

If you have a hat, place it on the head of your scarecrow. It adds character!

Extra Details:

You can add gloves to the ends of the sleeves, a scarf around the neck, or even some old shoes!

An old tie / scarf will hide how you have attached the head to the body.

Step 5: Set Up Your Scarecrow

Find a Spot:

Choose a place in your driveway or garden where you want your scarecrow to stand.. Make sure the horses / donkeys cannot get to nibble it !

Secure It:

If it's windy, you might need to stake the bottom of the scarecrow into the ground using a hammer to drive a stick in, or tie it to a sturdy pole.

Congratulations! You've created your very own scarecrow. Not only does it look great, but it will also help keep birds away from your garden.

Enjoy your new gardening helper and don't forget to give them a name!

