

BUILD A SCARECROW TIPS

Firstly, this should be a fun project; involve your staff and make this a great team building activity. For those feeling intimidated you can find lots of creative d-i-y examples online; search ideas for homemade scarecrows. Or just go on *Pinterest* and be amazed when you see all the great ideas for making your own scarecrow. You will be surprised with all the imaginative and inspiring ideas that will get your creative juices flowing.

Participating in this first Community-wide Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt doesn't require much more than some good community spirit, some creative resourcefulness, and a positive attitude that you can do it. We offer the following helpful suggestions to get you started.

Materials

Old clothes, hats, scarves, uniforms... You might also like a few swatches of fabric to make "patches" on the scarecrow's overalls. They can be glued on. Old, solid colored pillow cases or burlap, a pumpkin or a one-gallon plastic milk jug for the head... old gloves for hands... Safety pins and/or various lengths of rope. Boots or high-top shoes. Hot-glue gun and glue sticks.

Decorating items

Buttons for eyes, colorful pipe cleaners for mustache, and permanent marker to make the mouth and eye brows, and colored cotton ball for the nose. You can also use yarn for hair.

Stuffing

Bale of hay, leaves, newspaper (can be useful, but needs to be covered for weather in a plastic garbage bag) empty 2-liter soda bottles, supermarket plastic bags, fabric, yarn, old sheets, bubble wrap or packing material...

Frame

Build scarecrow form. The form consists of an approximately 5 foot (60 inches) vertical 1x2 and an approximately 12-inch 1x2. If your scarecrow is standing, you can place it in a Christmas tree stand or pound the stake into the ground. PVC frame... Tall tin bucket filled with sand. Or, make a sitting scarecrow in an old chair or bench, or bale of hay...

Tip: Wire or tie your scarecrow down if you live in an area where it can be windy.

For more tips see also:

<https://www.front-porch-ideas-and-more.com/how-to-build-a-scarecrow.html>

<https://www.instructables.com/id/Life-Sized-Scarecrow-with-Stand/>

Scarecrows should be acceptable for a family friendly audience.