

LARGE SCARECROW COMPETITION!

GRAB SOME POLES AND STRAW FROM THE HOLYOAKE CENTRE, THEN GET CREATIVE!
WE'LL PROVIDE POLES OR BAMBOO CANES AND STRAW TO HELP YOU BUILD YOUR SCARECROW'S
FRAME. YOU CAN THEN BRING IT TO LIFE USING:

 OLD CLOTHES, HATS AND SCARVES

 FABRIC SCRAPS, STRING AND RIBBON

 RECYCLED AND REUSED ITEMS

 PROPS, ACCESSORIES AND DECORATIONS

 ANYTHING ELSE YOUR IMAGINATION SUGGESTS!

WHAT WILL YOU CREATE?

HOW ABOUT A:

FARMER • FOOTBALLER • SUPERHERO • PIRATE • WITCH • GARDENER • ROCK STAR • ROBOT •
LOCAL CHARACTER

THESE ARE JUST IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED – YOUR SCARECROW CAN BE ANY CHARACTER
YOU LIKE. FUNNY, FRIENDLY, TRADITIONAL, WILD OR WONDERFULLY UNUSUAL... ANYTHING GOES!

HAVE FUN AND MAKE IT YOUR OWN!

GIVE YOUR SCARECROW A NAME, CREATE A STORY FOR IT OR ADD DETAILS THAT SHOW OFF ITS
PERSONALITY. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU MAKE!

COLLECT YOUR POLES AND STRAW FROM THE CENTRE AND START CREATING! MATERIALS CAN BE
COLLECTED ON FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER BETWEEN 10 AND 11 AND 5 AND 6.

TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF OUR SCARECROWS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS:



MINI SCARECROW CHALLENGE!

RAID THE RECYCLING BIN AND GET CREATIVE!

BUILD YOUR OWN MINI SCARECROW USING RECYCLED, REUSED OR REPURPOSED MATERIALS. THERE ARE NO RULES ABOUT WHAT YOUR SCARECROW HAS TO LOOK LIKE, SO USE YOUR IMAGINATION!

NEED SOME INSPIRATION? TRY USING...



TIN CANS - GREAT FOR HEADS AND BODIES



PLASTIC OR MILK BOTTLES - DRESS THEM UP WITH SCRAPS OF FABRIC



CARDBOARD - CEREAL BOXES, TUBES AND PACKAGING CAN BECOME ALMOST ANYTHING



WOODEN SPOONS - AN INSTANT SCARECROW FACE!



OLD PLANT POTS - STACK THEM TO MAKE A LITTLE SCARECROW



BOTTLE TOPS & LIDS - PERFECT FOR EYES, BUTTONS, HANDS AND FEET



ODD SOCKS - STUFF THEM WITH SCRAP PAPER OR FABRIC



NEWSPAPER & MAGAZINES - ROLL, SCRUNCH, TWIST AND SHAPE THEM



EGG BOXES & FOOD PACKAGING - BRILLIANT FOR FACES, HATS AND ACCESSORIES



WOOL, STRING & FABRIC SCRAPS - ADD HAIR, CLOTHES AND CHARACTER



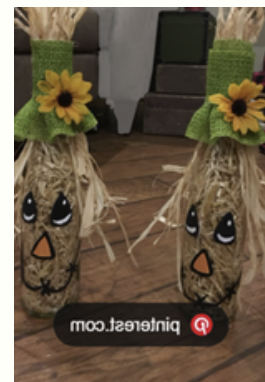
TWIGS, LEAVES & OTHER NATURAL MATERIALS - MIX THEM WITH YOUR RECYCLING

GIVE YOUR SCARECROW SOME PERSONALITY!

COULD YOURS BE A PIRATE, FOOTBALLER, SUPERHERO, GARDENER, WITCH, ROCK STAR, ROBOT OR FARMER? OR INVENT A CHARACTER COMPLETELY OF YOUR OWN.

BIG, TINY, BEAUTIFUL, BONKERS... ANYTHING GOES!

THE IMPORTANT BIT IS TO REUSE WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE, HAVE FUN AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN CREATE. ♻️🌿



HOW TO MAKE A SCARECROW



1. MAKE THE FRAME THAT WILL BE THE BASE FOR THE 'BODY'. YOU'LL NEED TWO STURDY POLES FOR THIS, TIE THEM TOGETHER TO FORM A CROSS. DO THIS SO THE LOWER PART OF THE UPRIGHT IS LONGEST, AS PART OF THIS WILL BE IN THE GROUND
2. MAKE THE HEAD. AN OLD HESSIAN OR COTTON SHOPPING BAG IS GOOD FOR THIS, OR AN OLD T-SHIRT. STUFF IT WITH LOOSE MATERIAL SUCH AS STRAW, DRIED LEAVES, OR OLD CLOTHES CUT INTO PIECES. DON'T USE PAPER WHICH WOULD SOON BECOME SODDEN WITH RAIN. TIE OR SEW UP THE HEAD ALMOST COMPLETELY, LEAVING ENOUGH OF A GAP TO SLIDE IT ONTO THE FRAME LATER
3. CREATE THE SCARECROW'S FEATURES - THE EYES, NOSE, AND MOUTH - BY EITHER EMBROIDERING OR USING THICK THREAD OR SEWING ON BUTTONS OF VARYING SIZES
4. USE A PAIR OF OLD TROUSERS TO MAKE THE LOWER HALF OF THE BODY. SECURE THESE ONTO THE HORIZONTAL PART OF THE FRAME USING TWO LENGTHS OF STOUT STRING AS BRACES, TIED TO THE BELT LOOPS OF THE TROUSERS. KNOT THE ANKLES, OR TIE THEM UP, AND THEN STUFF WITH MORE LOOSE MATERIAL
5. MAKE THE TOP HALF OF THE BODY BY PUTTING THE JACKET ON THE FRAME. KNOT OR TIE UP THE ENDS OF THE SLEEVES, THEN STUFF WITH MORE FILLING MATERIAL
6. PUT THE HEAD ON. A HAT MAKES A GREAT FINISHING TOUCH, AS DOES 'HAIR' MADE OUT OF WOOL OR GARDEN RAFFIA
7. ADD SOME BIRD-SCARING FINISHING TOUCHES. THINGS THAT SHINE OR MAKE A NOISE ARE IDEAL, SUCH AS STRINGS OF BOTTLE TOPS, CDS, OR ALUMINIUM DRINKS CANS
8. YOUR SCARECROW IS READY TO STAND IN ITS PLACE!

