

Ideas and materials for your scarecrow –

Go on, have a go, you know you want to!!

Here are some great ideas for materials you can use to make your scarecrow and if your imagination is struggling to come up with an actual scarecrow, there is always something to inspire you on any internet site to do with scarecrows. Our theme for the adult entries is “2020” so think about what it is that stands out for you?

For the children, nursery rhymes, well known characters out of books, super-heroes, the list goes on and on, so don't be stuck for something!



Materials you can use below– honestly who knew it was so easy?

A typical scarecrow is a stuffed shirt, a straw hat and a burlap sack head. With a little imagination, random objects or recycled junk can be used to create a cool character. Try this tips for your scarecrow

- Use empty plant pots or plastic water bottles to fill the body and legs
- Use grocery bags make great stuffing
- A plastic plant pot can be stapled to the top as a head form for your burlap
- Raffia can be bought in different colors to make hair
- Landscape fabric is useful and cheap for fashioning hair and clothing
- Wire baskets come in handy for waists on skirts
- Staple stuffing materials to the scarecrow frame so they don't shift
- Don't over stuff your scarecrow, keeps the weight down and prevents it from looking too lumpy
- Paint, buttons and pipe cleaners are great for making faces
- Use the hay stuffed into shirt sleeves and pant legs as the replacement for hands and feet, this is what gives the scarecrow his scarecrowness!
- Burlap can be dyed with inexpensive fabric dye very easily
- Use florist wire to attach hats and other accessories to the scarecrow
- Pool noodles are great for arms and legs. Slide a metal coat hanger inside the tube so you can bend the arms.

So now there is no excuse! Get stuffing everyone! Look forward to seeing your creation on 17th July.
How exciting is this?