



## 8 EASY STEPS TO MAKING A SCARECROW

Make a straw scarecrow to place in the yard to add to fall decorations. Be creative when making your scarecrow. Make him cute and inviting, or make him scary by painting a wicked expression on his face and using dark colors of clothing. These instructions are offered as a guide - but, you can really do whatever you want to make your scarecrow creation your own!

### Step 1

If using a cross, put the arms of the shirt on the arms of the cross and button the shirt in front. Stuff shirt with hay. Make hands by stuffing the hay so it comes out of the sleeves, and tie a piece of twine or wrap a rubber band tightly around the cuff to secure the hay. Attach old gloves, or not.

### Step 2

Put old pants or jeans with the bottom of the cross in one of the legs. Stuff with hay. Push some hay out of the cuffs of the pants to make feet. Tie a piece of twine or wrap a rubber band around the bottom cuff to secure the straw. Attach old shoes, or not.

### Step 3

Tuck the bottom of the shirt into the waist of the jeans. Pin safety pins around the inside of the waist of the jeans and to the shirt to assemble them together.

### Step 4

Use a square piece of fabric to make the head. Put hay in the center of the fabric. Pull the fabric up and around the stuffing, gather it, and tie it with twine.

### Step 5

Paint a scarecrow face onto the head using acrylic craft paints or permanent markers. Alternatively, you could cut facial features out of scrap fabric, or use old buttons, etc.

### Step 6

Push the head onto the top of the cross and stuff the gathered fabric at the bottom of the head into the collar of the shirt. Pin safety pins around the inside of the collar and the gathered fabric of the head to assemble them. You may tie an old scarf or a piece of fabric around the neck of the scarecrow.

### Step 7

Add a hat, or wig or use hay to create hair.

### Step 8

Push the stake into the ground and make sure your scarecrow is secure.

### Tip

Wear a pair of garden gloves when assembling to avoid scratching from the straw.