

Make a scarecrow

Equipment:

- Two pieces of timber, one slightly longer than the other, for example 120 and 70 cm
- Nails or screws
- String or wire
- Piece of hessian or a small flour bag for the head
- Pair of gloves
- Pair of boots
- Pair of socks
- Shirt
- Acrylic paint or permanent marker
- Overalls/pants
- Hat
- Needle and thread or stapler
- Straw or other material for stuffing



What to do:

- Attach the two pieces of timber together to form a cross. Make sure that the arms are not too long for a shirt or jacket to be put on later. If they are, put the shirt or jacket in place prior to nailing the pieces together.
- Cut the hessian into a square and stuff it with straw into the shape of a head. Tie the head loosely at the the neck end.
- Paint a face on with acrylic paint or permanent marker, or stitch features with wool or thread.
- Slide the head onto the vertical pole, then, attach the head to the body by tying tightly with string or wire.
- Drape any clothing onto the poles.
- Tie off at the wrist, ankles and waist, and stuff with straw. Repeat this process with the pants.
- Attach strands of wool, straw or other fibre under a hat.
- Fix the hat with a nail, or sew it onto the head.
- Tie gloves to the outstretched ends of the crossbar.
- Stuff the socks and boots with straw.
- Attach the boots to the end of the pants, using the socks and string to secure.
- Experiment with any materials you can find.