



SCARECROWS IN THE MEADOW

How to Build a Basic Scarecrow

1. Create the Top
Put shirt over horizontal stake. Using a length of twine or string, tie off the bottom of the shirt at the waistline. Tie both sleeves shut. If you would like to add gloves to your scarecrow, this is a good time to do that. Using handfuls of stuffing material, stuff the chest cavity.
2. Create the Bottom Half
Stuff the pants before attaching them. Tie off both pant legs and firmly stuff the pants with whatever material you have chosen. To attach the pants, use twine to create a pair of suspenders for your scarecrow. Stuff the legs into a pair of shoes or boots.
3. Add the Head
Use an old pillowcase to form the head. Stuff it with filling and then pull it down over the top of the frame. Tie the neck to the vertical stake and begin forming the shape of the head. Add face, hair, hat.

TIPS! TIPS! TIPS!

Straw, hay, leaves, grass clippings, wood chips, plastic bags, and rags are all acceptable stuffing materials. Try to avoid using newspaper, as rainfall may cause it to become soggy and shapeless.

Cloth (or burlap) sacks stuffed with straw, hay, leaves, etc. can serve as long-lasting heads, onto which you can easily draw the features (or sew or glue them on). Pumpkins make for more striking scarecrow heads but do not last as long (unless you use artificial ones.)

Buttons make great eyes and faces. Wigs and hats give the scarecrow personality.

Use wire or coat hangers to make posable arms.

Need material? **The Clothes Tree**, a benefit thrift shop in Bantam, is a great place to buy an outfit for your scarecrow (and yourself!) They are located at 906 Bantam Road in Bantam, CT

COMPLETED SCARECROWS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE LITCHFIELD HISTORY MUSEUM (7 SOUTH STREET) ON MONDAYS-FRIDAY FROM 9:00-5:00 OR ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT THE TAPPING REEVE HOUSE AND LAW SCHOOL (82 SOUTH STREET) DURING OPEN HOURS. **For questions or to arrange alternative drop off times, call 860-567-4501 or email education@litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org**

ALL SCARECROWS MUST BE DELIVERED BY 9:00 AM ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH AT THE LATEST.

