

## Southern Fried Festival Scarecrow Contest



### How to Make a Scarecrow

What you will need:

1 - stake about 6ft long

1 - stake about 3ft long

1 -stake about 12 inches long

Old Clothes (shirt or jumper, trousers, hat, etc.)

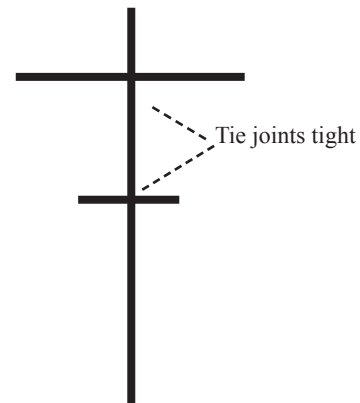
Some straw, hay, or some other kind of stuffing

String, safety pins, staple gun, cable ties, whatever needed to fasten everything together

#### How to make the armature:

First of all tie the 3ft stake to the 6ft stake, about 10 inches from one end, in a cross shape and then tie the other stake in the same way about half way down.

This is the frame for your scarecrow.



#### Head:

The face is usually the point of focus, so adequate consideration should be given to its features. Some heads have been made of pillowcases, burlap, plastic pumpkins, or old tee-shirts. Stuff the head with straw, hay or some other type of stuffing. Eyes, noses and mouths are sometimes fabricated from felt, yarn, seeds, corncobs, buttons or painted, using waterproof paint, directly onto the head material. Hair can be made from yarn, rope, wigs, old mop heads or straw. Old hats complete the look. Just use your imagination!

Push the head onto the top of the armature/stake. Tie it in place.

#### Body

Bodies made from a shirt stuck into overalls hold together well. A jumpsuit stuffed with straw and then dressed with other clothes is probably the easiest to construct and the most durable. Other stuffings can include plastic shopping bags filled with bunched up newspaper, foam, leaves, plastic bags or paper stuffing from packaging. Use carpet thread, safety pins, staples or wire to join body parts. Stuff some old gloves and affix for hands. Tying pant legs shut before stuffing helps keep stuffing in. Shoes should be as light-weight as possible and wired onto the pants or shoved on after the scarecrow is in place. Raffia string from a craft store can give your scarecrow the look of straw if you would like a straw-free alternative.