

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Have you ever heard of a scarecrow? This was used as an object, made to look like a human, that scares crows away from a farmer's field. Many years ago children had the job of walking through the fields making noise and scaring the crows and animals away from the crops. They were called bird scarers. What would you look like if you had this job? Let's make a scarecrow and have some fun "dressing up" your scarecrow any way you like, silly or spooky!



1-Start with a brown paper bag or a heavier paper or cardboard. Cut open the paper bag and draw long arms, legs, a rectangle body and a round head on the paper. Color or decorate as desired. Make small dots where you will attach the legs, arms, and head to the body.

2- Cut out the shapes and attach the arms, legs and head to the body with string, yarn, or staples. You can cut two of each of the pieces and stuff some extra paper inside to make the scarecrow stuffy. Now cut out extra pieces of paper and color to add on patches, pockets, or flowers. Add a face to the scarecrow using buttons, cut out fabric or just color them in. Add some strips of paper or yarn straw hair. Roll up some extra paper from the bag and use the handle or some string to make a hook to hang your scarecrow up.

3- Trace your own hand to make your scarecrow just like you. Give it a hat, some boots, or even some gloves, in case we have some co-o-ld nights! Hang it in the front of your house to scare away the pesky animals or put a smile on the neighbors face!



Be well and share a smile! -Ms. Susan