



Basic Guide to Building a Scarecrow

For the Owslebury Scarecrow competition, you can make yours out of any medium you would like, as long as it is 3D - use your imagination. If you're not sure, here is a basic guideline to building a scarecrow.

You will need:

- 1 sturdy stick/bamboo cane about 2m long
- 1 sturdy stick/bamboo cane about 1 m long
- 1 sturdy stick/bamboo cane about 30cm long
- Old clothes, eg shirt, jumper, trousers, hat
- Old pair of tights
- String
- Straw or leaves

- 1) Make the Frame - Tie the 1m stick tightly to the 2m stick about 15cm from 1 end, in a cross shape. Then tie the 30cm stick in the same way about half way down.
- 2) Make a Head - Cut the leg from the tights and fill with some straw. Push this firmly to the end of the tights and make it into head shape. Tie a piece of string around the tights to stop the straw from coming out. Tie the head onto the top of the frame.
- 3) Dress Your Scarecrow - Placing the shirt on the top cross bar and trousers on the smaller bar is the standard scarecrow design. Tie off the bottom of the legs of the trousers and stuff them with straw. Button up the shirt and tie the sleeves with string and stuff them with straw.
- 4) Decorate Your Scarecrow - You can decorate your scarecrow so he/she represents the character you want.
- 5) Have Fun!!!!