

Belvedere House Gardens & Park Scarecrow Festival 2010

Tips on how to make a scarecrow.....!

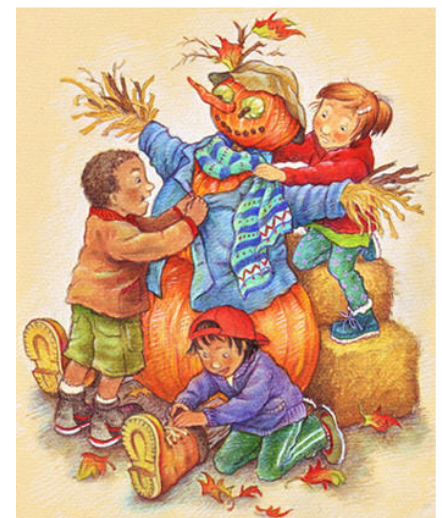
You will need:

- strong sticks, one as high as yourself or to fit in with the maximum competition height of 8ft and the other half as high
- old pair of overalls or clothing suitable for your theme
- old hat, pair of gloves, scarf or other accessories suitable for your theme
- old tights/stocking for tying
- old pillow case or piece of old sheet to cover the head
- newspaper
- masking tape and glue
- paint for the face or buttons for a sewn on face
- bright coloured wool or wig, platted straw hair etc
- straw, extra newspaper or plastic bags for stuffing
- Props and accessories according to your theme



Method:

1. Tie the sticks firmly together with old tights/stockings. The shorter stick is for the arms and is tied at right angles to the taller stick, a little way down from the top.
2. Wind newspaper around the top end of the taller stick to make the head. Use the masking tape to keep it together.
3. Cover the newspaper with a piece of old sheet or a pillow case. Paint or sew a face onto it. Glue or sew on some wool for hair or make a wig
4. Place the long stick down one leg of the overalls and put each end of the shorter stick through the overall arms.
5. Stuff the overalls with straw, until they make a firm body. Newspaper or plastic bags are good alternatives to straw.
6. Use old hats, scarf around its neck and tie on the gloves - dress according to your theme.
7. Use props and accessories to enhance your theme
8. Tie the scarecrow to a stake if you want to stand it upright in the garden.
9. Don't forget to put the title of your scarecrow, state the category and theme that you have entered, your full name and age securely to the rear of your scarecrow
10. Just have fun and be creative.



Happy Scarecrow making...!