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Scarecrows: Making Harvest Figures And Other Yard Folks



Synopsis

Whether dressed in traditional denim overalls or an unexpected three-piece suit, scarecrows can add personality and character to any yard or garden. With step-by-step building instructions and dozens of full-color photographs, Felder Rushing introduces families to the art of making scarecrows. The perfect activity for a crisp fall day, scarecrow construction allows crafters of all ages to use their imagination as they build fun, life-size creations. Get inspired and build a whole family of charmingly unique scarecrows!

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Customer Reviews

The biggest thing I took away from Scarecrows is that they are not just for Autumn or Halloween. There are designs in this book that can be made for any season or even as permanent decor throughout the entire year. Felder Rushing starts off the book with a short, but enjoyable history of scarecrows covering it's uses throughout the world and in early America as well. Add to that some background on their nemesis the crows, who were used as messengers in both Greek and Norse mythology. From there we move to the meat of the book, scarecrow design. Rushing provides easy, step-by-step instructions, including lists of needed materials, to make all of the designs in the book. We start with a very basic and traditional scarecrow using the simple "cross" design with two wood poles intersecting like a crucifix for the frame. From there you choose your head whether it's an old pillow case, burlap sack, paper bag, or any number of other options. I wouldn't suggest a paper bag if it's going to be outside in the elements for any length of time. For Halloween time you can even

use a pumpkin as the head, designing and cutting out a chilling face to scare trick-or-treaters. Next, deck him out in some old clothes, stuff with hay, or old newspaper, plastic bags or even more old clothes to fill him out. Use an old mop. Foam, pipe cleaners, yarn or felt for the hair. The great thing about these designs is the flexibility of materials. It's almost guaranteed that you will have everything you need right at home to make a scarecrow. After the basic scarecrow we move on to more complex designs with different materials. How about making a beautiful garden queen for the garden, just right for the coming spring?

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