



SCARECROW COMPETITION

As part of this year's Potato Festival, sponsored by our friends at the **Bowral Co-op**, we are challenging you to create and enter our scarecrow competition; it's the perfect way for schools to win money for projects or for families to make some extra cash! Plus you'll have the honour of being declared the winner!

GREAT PRIZES ON OFFER!

First prize \$500

Second \$150

Viewer's choice \$50



You'll need to register before Friday April 19, 2024. Install your entry at the Festival on Friday May 3 before 4pm.

Register via the website:

www.potatofestival.com.au

Creating and building your own scarecrow can be a fun and creative project, perfect for adding a touch of whimsy to your garden or helping to protect your crops from birds and other pests. Your scarecrow could even be in the form of a creature rather than a person! Please turn over for step-by-step instructions on how to make a simple scarecrow.

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Here are step-by-step instructions on how to make a simple scarecrow and remember call in and see the team at Bowral Co-op who can help sort you out with straw, twine, wire and some materials to help bring your creation to life!

Materials You'll Need:

- 1. Wooden Stake or Pole:** This will serve as the scarecrow's body. It should be around 1.8m to 2.1m tall, depending on your preference.
- 2. Old Clothing:** Use items like jeans, a shirt, and a hat.
- 3. Straw or Hay:** This will fill out the scarecrow's body and arms.
- 4. Twine or Rope:** You'll use this to attach the clothes to the frame.
- 5. Gloves and Boots:** If you want to add hands and feet to your scarecrow.
- 6. Scissors**
- 7. Markers or Paint (optional):** For creating a face on the scarecrow.



Steps to Build Your Scarecrow:

Prepare the Frame:

- Start by driving the wooden stake or pole into the ground where you want your scarecrow to stand. Ensure it's deep enough to hold the scarecrow firmly upright. You will need to transport the scarecrow and install at the Festival on Friday May 3, 2024 for judging.

Dress the Scarecrow:

- Put the old clothes on the scarecrow's frame. The shirt and pants should be filled with straw or hay to give the scarecrow a full body.
- If you want to add hands and feet, stuff gloves and boots with straw and attach them to the ends of the sleeves and pant legs using twine or rope.

Create the Head:

- You can use a hessian sack or an old pillowcase for the head.
- If you'd like to give your scarecrow a face, draw, glue or paint facial features on the sack or pillowcase.
- Once the head is ready, stuff it with straw or hay and secure it to the top of the pole. You may need to use twine or rope to tie it in place.

Secure the Clothing:

Use twine or rope to tie the clothing securely to the pole. Make sure everything is tight and won't blow away in the wind.

Add Accessories (Optional):

You can be creative with accessories to make your scarecrow unique. Consider adding a hat, a scarf, or any other items that suit the theme you want.

Final Touches:

Check the stability of your scarecrow and make any necessary adjustments. Ensure it stands upright. Scarecrows will need to be removed at the end of the festival.

After the Potato Festival:

Position your scarecrow in the garden or field where you want it to deter birds and other pests.

Over time, your scarecrow may need some maintenance. Replace straw or hay if it becomes weathered or falls out, and make any necessary repairs to keep it looking good.

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