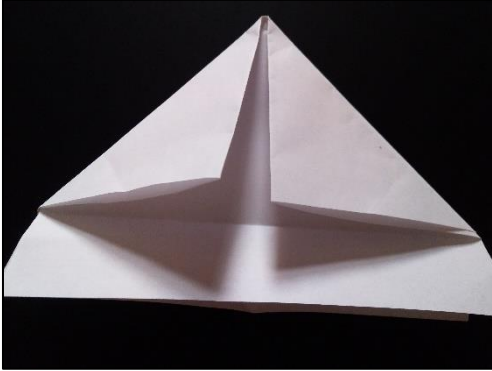


How to make a scarecrow

Bring the outside in with this craft!

You will need: A5 piece of paper (half of an A4 sheet), cardboard roll, scissors, pencil, paint, paintbrush, thin card (from a cereal box or similar), brown packing paper/wool/straw, sticky tape, glue stick, felt tip pen or fine nib permanent marker (black).

Instructions:



1. Paint half the cardboard roll in the colour of your choice. Leave to dry.

2. To make the hat, fold in half an A5 sheet of paper (half an A4 sheet). Then fold as shown (left), making sure you leave the open end as it is. Then fold the open ends (each side) upwards, and the hat is formed. If you wish, you can also tuck/fold in the ends to neaten the shape of the hat. Put the hat to one side.

3. On the thin card, draw and cut out a small square (for the patch), a small triangle (for the nose), and two small circles (for the eyes), and a small flower shape.
4. Glue on the patch, nose and eyes onto the cardboard roll. Use a felt tip pen or permanent marker to add details to the eye, patch and to draw on a mouth.
5. Use brown packing paper, wool or straw to make hair. If using brown paper, create a fringe by cutting thin strips but leave an uncut section at the top that you can use to secure inside the top of the cardboard roll. Use sticky tape to secure the hair onto your scarecrow.
6. Glue the flower onto the hat and then put the hat on your scarecrow.
7. Your scarecrow is complete! You can also make an allotment or field for your scarecrow to look after using paper and/or card and any other craft materials you have to hand.



Fun facts: 'Focus on Stratfield Mortimer' special exhibition includes some scarecrows that are part of a regular scarecrow competition held there. The purpose of a scarecrow is to scare away birds from eating the crops in a field or the vegetables and seeds on an allotment. One of the most famous fictional ones is Worzel Gummidge.