



Edmonds Scarecrow Festival



How To Build a Scarecrow

There is no such thing as a bad handmade, family-friendly scarecrow, so let your imagination run wild. But, if you feel the need for a little guidance, here are ideas:

What you need:

- Two poles
 - one 5-6 feet long
 - one 2-3 feet long
- Heavy twine
- Pillowcase, sack, or nylon stocking
- Permanent markers, or yarn or embroidery
- Thread or needle
- Straw, hay, dry leaves, or plastic bags for stuffing
- Rag mop head or straw for hair
- Shirt or blouse and overalls, jeans or skirt
- Hat and hat pins
- Gloves, scarf, shoes
- Optional accessories – broom, rake or mop

What to do:

- Attach the shorter pole perpendicularly to longer pole about one foot from top of longer pole
- Attachment can be made by lashing the two together with heavy twine, duct tape or wood screws
- Pound the long pole into the ground or attach to a concrete block or other anchor
- Draw a face on pillowcase, sack, or stocking
- Go over it with permanent markers, or stitch the features with yarn or embroidery
- Stuff the head with straw, hay, or dry leaves
- Slide the head over the top of the long pole and secure with twine
- Add a rag mop or straw for hair and pin on a hat
- Dress the scarecrow in a shirt, blouse, overalls, jeans or skirt
- Add Gloves, scarf, accessories, and whatever else you wish
- Stuff with straw, plastic bags — newspaper is an option, but won't stand up to bad weather

Last Steps:

- Have fun and use imagination (remember, family friendly)
- Enter your Scarecrow on the festival section of the museum website at www.historicedmonds.org

Questions? Call the Scarecrow Hotline at 425-774-6507