

SMILIN' SCARECROW

Display the Smilin' Scarecrow in your window to attract customers, and increase fall sales when you promote it as a display for schools, businesses, churches, fall festivals and more!

Materials:

- 1 29" "Scarecrow" Microfoil shape
- 1 Onyx black 160Q latex balloon
- 1 5' piece of 1/2" conduit
- 2 4' pieces of 1/8" aluminum rod
- 1 3-1/2" plastic foam ball
- 1 2" plastic foam ball
- 1 Small block of plastic foam
- 2 Stick pins with plastic tips
- 1 Long-sleeved denim shirt
- Black pipe cleaner
- Black and orange construction paper
- Toothpicks
- Floral wire
- Duct tape
- Cool glue
- Adhesive balloon tab
- Black floral spray paint
- Hay bale
- Helium: About 1.3 cubic feet



Materials Cost: About \$23
 Labor: About 20 minutes
 Suggested Retail Price: \$40-\$45

Instructions:

- For a sturdy but cute base for the "Scarecrow," use a hay bale. To do this, set the hay bale on the ground and push one end of the conduit into it.
- Measure 2' from the end of one piece of aluminum rod. At this point, bend the rod at a 90-degree angle. Repeat with the other piece of aluminum rod. Insert one end of each of the rods into the shirtsleeves, and slide the other ends into the conduit. Secure the rods to the conduit with duct tape.
- Helium inflate the "Scarecrow" and tape up the balloon tail to conceal it. Attach an adhesive balloon tab to the back of the head at the top of the "scarf." Tie an uninflated 160Q to the balloon tab, and use it to tie the head to the top of the conduit.
- To make a crow, paint the two plastic foam balls with black floral spray paint. Once dry, use a toothpick to attach the smaller one on top of the other as a "head." Cut "wings" and a "beak" out of construction paper, and glue on. Push in the two pins as "eyes," and make "feet" with black pipe cleaners.
- Create a platform for the crow by pushing up one of the sleeves, and taping the plastic foam block onto the aluminum rod "arm." Pin the crow to the platform with floral wire.
- Button the shirt, and stuff hay into the neck and sleeves as desired to complete the Smilin' Scarecrow.

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