



## Scare Away the Crows!

Explain to your child the the job of a scarecrow is to scare away crows from destroying fall crops of vegetables. There are many books about scarecrows that can help them to better understand how a scarecrow looks and what it does. Then, ask your child if they would like to see what they would look like as a scarecrow??

*Lay a piece of brown butcher paper on the floor (you may need to use some tape to keep it from moving). Have your child lay on the paper and strike a scarecrow pose! Trace around your child's body with a wide-tipped Sharpie. After tracing, let your child help you draw overalls, a straw hat, and maybe some boots onto the body shape. Then, pour different colors of washable paint onto another sheet of butcher paper. Also, have a container with sensory items like buttons, pine straw, leaves, real or fake hay, cotton balls, etc. Now, let your child bring their scarecrow to life by using all of these items!*

You can cut out the scarecrow, attach a long stick to the back of it to help it stand up, and stick it in some dirt in your yard to scare away any type of bird or animal that might mess up your garden or flowerbed!

