

# Make a Scarecrow - October 2025

Autumn is here in all its colorful glory, and farmers everywhere are celebrating a bountiful growing season. October is the perfect time to reflect on the past year and prepare for the cozy transition into winter.



During harvest season, pumpkins are everywhere - from flavored coffees and lotions to pies and festive porch displays. One of the most common places you will see pumpkins is on a scarecrow!

## The Story Behind Scarecrows

For centuries, scarecrows have helped farmers protect their crops. These human-like figures are traditionally made from wooden frames, old clothes, and straw, and are placed in fields to scare away birds and animals looking for an easy meal.

Scarecrows have been used around the world, from ancient Egyptian fields to medieval European farms. Today, they are both practical tools and fun, creative expressions of the harvest season. Whether scary, silly, or artistic, scarecrows reflect the personality and creativity of their makers.

## This Month's Challenge: Make Your Own Scarecrow

Critters love a good snack, and our pumpkins need protecting. We challenge you to create your very own scarecrow to help keep the harvest safe.

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned crafter, you can build your scarecrow big or small, spooky or sweet. Use items from around the house like old clothes, recycled materials, natural elements to make it your own. You don't have to use a pumpkin for a head. Don't forget to name your scarecrow and give it a bit of personality.





Deadline to submit your Scarecrow Monthly Challenge:

Friday, October 31, 2025, at 5:00 PM MST.

Submit report at: [https://bit.ly/Scarecrow\\_Oct25](https://bit.ly/Scarecrow_Oct25)

You will receive your patch in 3 - 4 weeks after the end of challenge.

If you have any questions, please email [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org).

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