

Tips for building
a sturdy scarecrow!

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Step One: Gather what you'll need to make the scarecrow.

Sturdy center support pole, 7.5 feet long.



You'll need:

- Five sturdy poles or sticks (see drawing)
- Sturdy twine or wire,
- Scissors or wire cutters
- A bale of straw
- Old clothing to dress the scarecrow
- Something for a head (pillowcase, burlap)
- Paint and markers to create the face

3 sturdy sticks or poles, 6 feet long.



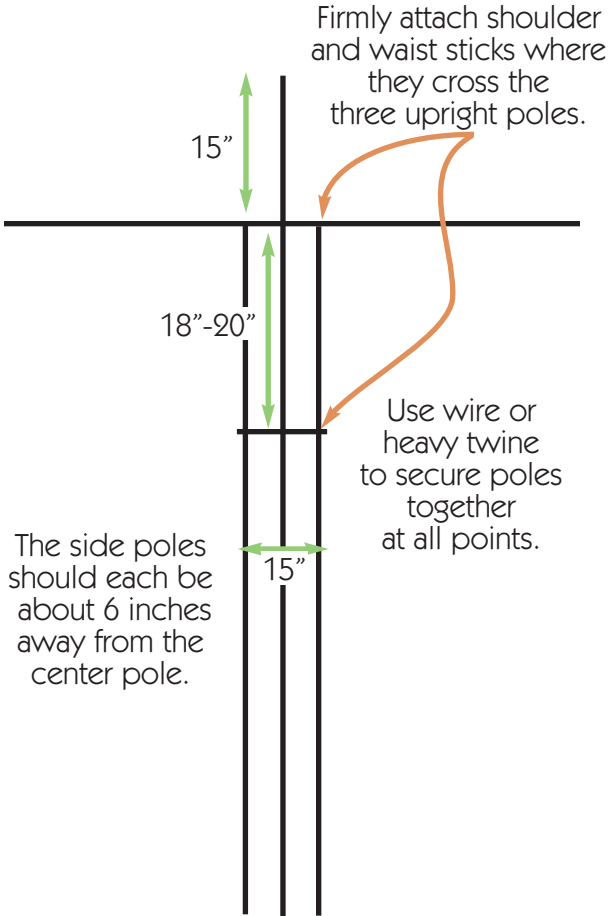
Two of these will be uprights and one will be shoulders and arms.

1 stick, 15 inches long.

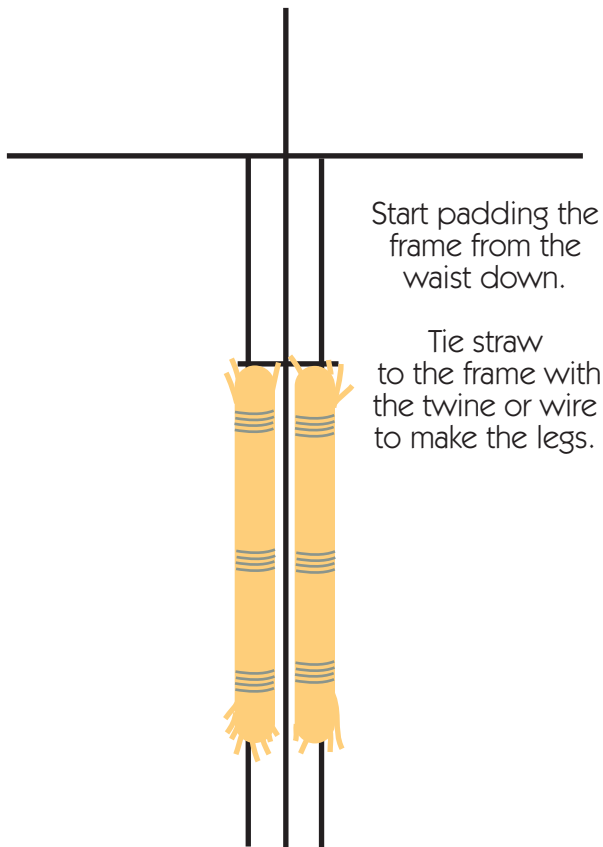


This will be the waist of the scarecrow.

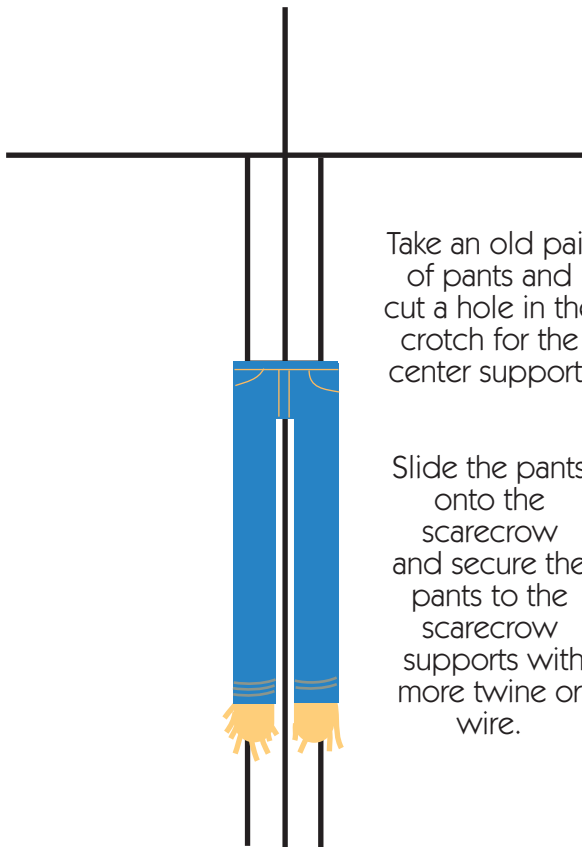
Step Two: Assemble the frame.



Step Three: Make the legs with straw that is tied or wired to the frame



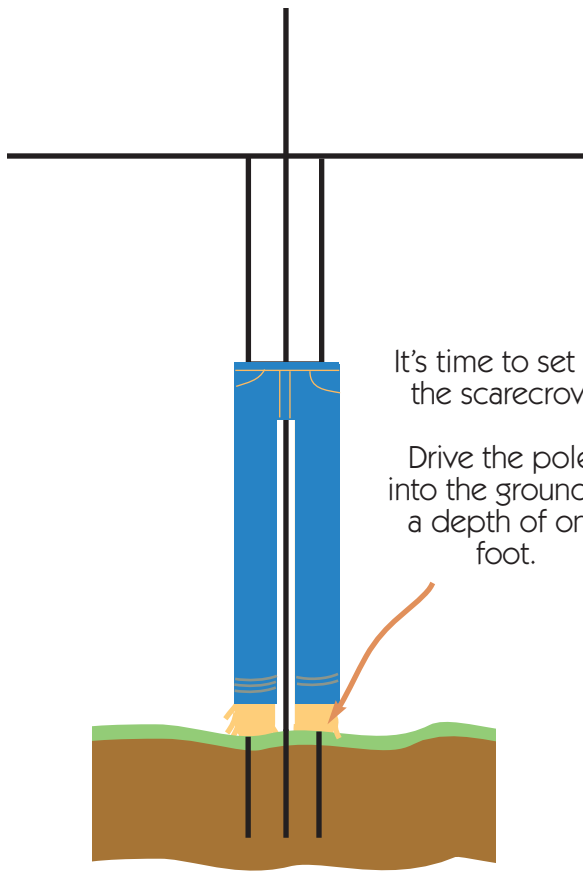
Step Four: Cut hole in pants and slide onto the frame and secure with string or wire.



Take an old pair of pants and cut a hole in the crotch for the center support.

Slide the pants onto the scarecrow and secure the pants to the scarecrow supports with more twine or wire.

Step Five: Erect the frame.

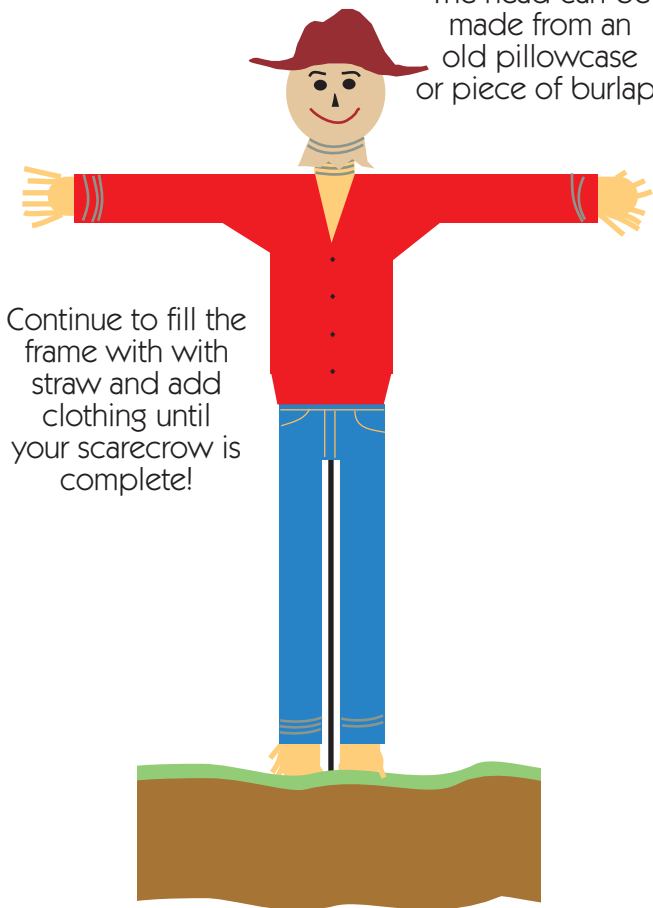


It's time to set up the scarecrow.

Drive the poles into the ground to a depth of one foot.

Step Six: Finish padding frame with straw, then dress and decorate the scarecrow!

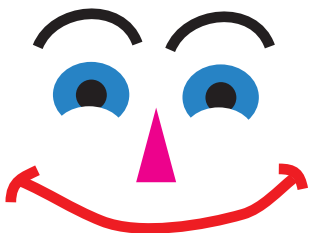
The head can be made from an old pillowcase or piece of burlap.



Continue to fill the frame with with straw and add clothing until your scarecrow is complete!

Decorate your scarecrow's face with buttons, markers or paint. Your scarecrow's face can be as friendly or frightening as you like!

In these two examples, the eyes and noses are identical.



See what a difference changing the mouth and eyebrows makes!

