

Loose Parts Challenge:

Create a Scarecrow Challenge

All

Play
based
learning



What could you use?

A range of small and large materials e.g. recycling, scrap construction, materials, natural items, and other bits 'n' bobs!

Instructions basic level

Activity

Loose parts are just that, objects with no specific purpose. Parts that can be used to make anything and everything, your imagination is the only limit.

This challenge is simply to create a scarecrow to frighten the birds away from your seeds.

Your scarecrow can be any size. Any amount of loose play materials can be used, including cardboard, masking tape, crayons etc.

Think about what features your scarecrow needs to scare the birds away. How will your scarecrow stand up?

General Learning Outcomes

The use of loose parts supports creativity and **technology**.

Language and **literacy** is developed through conversation and planning how to build **your scarecrow**.

The construction of the scarecrow involved development of **fine motor skills**.

Extend this activity for older children by:

Make it out of only recycled materials or out of natural materials, only make it one colour, make it waterproof etc.

Create yourself as a scarecrow (i.e. same colour / style of hair, one of your own t shirts, glasses etc).

Create an abstract scarecrow – a modern version. Who says they must have faces and arms and legs as long as they scare away the birds?

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