

Scarecrow Contest!

Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 10am

Prepare:

Check out the online tutorials (see back)
Gather your materials

Build:

Get your host family involved!
Be creative, use the materials you have on hand

Enter your scarecrow:

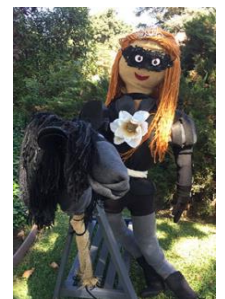
Email your submission to [Kate](#) no later than the evening of **Saturday, Sept. 19th**.
Include:

- a short video (less than 30 second long) showing all sides of the scarecrow, & telling us its name and who worked on it
- a good still photo showing the whole front of your scarecrow

Celebrate!

Join us for the cluster meeting Zoom on Sun, Sept 20th at 10am to admire all of our submissions and VOTE on your favorite! (There will be a prize for the winner)

Drive through Sierra Madre during the month of October to see all the scarecrows in town (a fun, safe outing for the whole family)



Important Details:

- Host Families are invited to join! Get them involved in building the scarecrow, and invite them to log on with you for the Sept. 20th Zoom Meeting.
- Each Au Pair's group will get one vote for the contest.
- You cannot vote for yourself!
- Each scarecrow must be at least 2 feet tall, but life-sized is better.
- Each scarecrow must be homemade!
- Submissions must be sent prior to the Zoom Cluster Meeting.
(to: KFinlayZimmerman@aupairinamerica.com)
- Yes! You can join us on Sept. 20th and vote even if you don't submit a scarecrow.

Resources:

Online tutorials

- <https://www.thespruce.com/ideas-for-making-scarecrows-4061765>
- <https://www.thebudgetdecorator.com/diy-decor-how-to-make-a-scarecrow/>
- <http://ohiothoughtsblog.blogspot.com/2013/08/scarecrows.html>
- <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Scarecrow>
- [YouTube Scarecrow How-To](#)
- <https://www.creativeartsgroup.org/scarecrow-festival/workshop/>

Where to get materials:

- Free and Cheap is the way to go when gathering the items you need. You don't need any special materials and can construct the scarecrow however you like!
- Ask your host parents if they have items you can use (most materials can be returned after you dismantle the scarecrow at the end of the season)
- Look in the garage & the back yard; use old clothes that would normally be donated
- Shop at thrift shops if you need old clothes or fabric (there is a list of good local thrift shops in my blog)
- Reminders in Pasadena is a thrift shop specifically for craft supplies
- Try the dollar store for a few accent pieces that will make your submission unique