

You will need:

Raffia, cat no. 209643

Pipecleaners, cat no. 204153

Wiggle eyes, cat no. 209997

Felt pieces, cat no. 209637

Buttons, cat no. 209601

Glue (try cat no. 701608 or 701309)

Embroidery cotton, cat no. 209652

Needle
(try Tapestry Needles, cat no. 209871)Sequins or feather to decorate
(cat no. 209704 or 209302)

Yarn, cat no. 209958

Black felt-tip

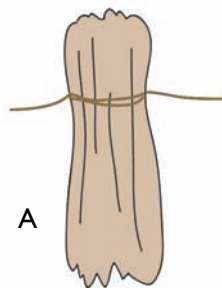
White card

Scissors

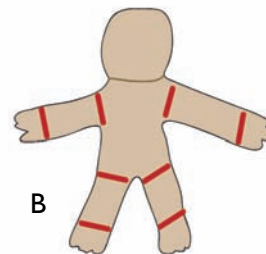


How to make your own Sir Ply the Scarecrow:

1. Begin by taking a whole bunch of raffia from the pack. Undo the thread that holds the bunch together but do not open the bunch out.

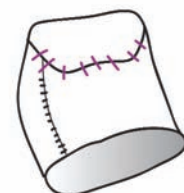


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B

2. From a second bunch of raffia, take a few strands and tie the first bunch as shown in diagram A. Tightly tie several knots on either side. Snip off any excess with scissors.
3. Split the remainder of the bunch into four as shown in diagram B. Using strands of raffia, tightly tie at the points shown in the diagram. Snip off any excess with scissors.
4. Trim off any excess or sticking-out bits of raffia. Snip through a few strands at the ends of the arms to make hands.
5. To make Sir Ply's trousers, wind some yarn around one leg, starting about halfway up. Continue winding about mid-way up the body and then around the other leg. Finish with a secure knot.
6. Cut out Sir Ply's jacket from felt. A pattern for you to use is printed on the back of this sheet. Using embroidery thread, sew the jacket together along the edges shown in the diagram. Then cut the jacket along the dotted line.
7. Put the jacket on Sir Ply (it's a snug fit but it will go on!). Finish the jacket by cutting a curved hem as shown.
8. Take some black or brown felt and cut a rectangle approximately 9 x 20cm. Using embroidery thread, roughly stitch the short edges together to form a tube shape. Then roughly fold one end down as shown, pin and stitch to secure. Don't worry about being neat as Sir Ply likes the lived-in look.
9. Finish the hat by cutting about 1cm in from the edge all around the hat at about 1.5cm intervals. This will make the hat's tatty brim.
10. Cut a strip of felt about 2 x 20cm to make Sir Ply's scarf. Snip the ends to make tassels.
11. To assemble Sir Ply, begin by gluing a few strands of yarn onto the top of the head. Then glue the hat on top.
12. Next, glue two wiggle eyes in place. Then cut a length of pipecleaner about 4cm long. Fold the pipecleaner in half and glue it between the strands of raffia under the eyes. Make sure the folded end is pointing outwards.
13. Cut out Sir Ply's mouth from card. We used white card and drew some missing teeth with a black felt-tip. Glue the mouth in place.
14. Using glue, attach Sir Ply's scarf to his neck and tie in place.
15. Complete Sir Ply by embellishing his hat and coat with buttons or sequins and a felt patch. Now he's ready to be outstanding in his field and scare off a few autumnal crows.



To make this jacket:

1. Print onto A4 and cut out this pattern.
2. Take a sheet of felt (cat no. 209637) and fold it in half along its length.
3. Pin the pattern to the felt, lining up edge A with the fold.
4. Cut around all the edges of the pattern EXCEPT EDGE A.
5. Now cut out the semi circle from edge A.
6. Remove the pins and open the shape out. You should have a cross of felt with an oval cut out of the middle.
7. Fold the felt in half again (along edge A). Pin in place to secure.
8. Sew along the edges marked.
9. Cut along the dotted red line.
10. Finish the jacket by cutting along the dotted blue lines to give the jacket a curved edge.

