

Scrappy ScareCrow Wreath

12-inch wreath

You Will Need:

Material: muslin, orange burlap, scrap black material, scrap for nose

Embroidery Floss: Brown

Paint: Barn red, Sunflower, Coffee brown, Leaf Green

Two 5/8 black matte buttons for eyes

Raffia

Hot glue gun and glue sticks

Three rusty bells

One small black seed bead

Cheesecloth

Stuffing

Mechanical pencil (for tracing patterns)

One small rusty safety pin

Paint brushes and stencil brush

Rusting: White vinegar, peroxide, salt, paper towels, sprints bottle, large plastic container.

Staining: Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil. Optional for staining: Old cookie sheet, rags, wax paper, glass jar with lid.

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Read through all directions before beginning.

For illustrations of the different steps and techniques as well as the stitches visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page on my website at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

Scrappy ScareCrow:

- #1. Print out scarecrow pattern; trace on double muslin.
- #2. Sew on traced lines leaving open where indicated on pattern. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines.
- #3. Stuff firmly, sew opening shut.
- #4. Stain with recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions.

Facial Features:

1. Eyes: Position 5/8 inch buttons where desired and hold in place with large-head straight pins. Thread doll needle with black quilt thread and going in from the top of his head (this will be hidden by his hat), sew on the eyes.
2. Eyebrows: With a wooden or plastic ruler, trace in eyebrows which are both approximately 1-1/4 inches long. Thread doll needle with double strand of brown embroidery floss. Go in from top of head (this will be covered by his hat), go down and embroider the eyebrows.
3. Nose: Print out nose pattern and trace on wrong side of single layer material; cut out. Position where desired and hold in place with straight pins. Using a running stitch, sew nose in place.
4. Mouth: Print out mouth template. Position on face where desired. With mechanical pencil, trace the bottom part of the mouth template. Thread doll needle with double strand of brown embroidery floss. Go in from top of head (this will be covered with hat), go down and embroider the mouth.
5. Cheeks: Load stencil brush with barn red paint and pounce off most of it onto paper towels. Swirl on cheeks being careful not to put too much on.



Hat:

- #1. Print out hat pattern on regular copy or printer paper.
- #2. Pin the patter on double layer orange burlap.
- #3. Sew around 3 sides (as indicated on pattern) using 1/4 inch seam allowance (sew directly on paper. Paper then just tears off. Turn.
- #4. Stain with recipe and instructions given below at the end of these directions.
- #5. Turn opening up twice and, with matching embroidery floss, hand stitch in place.
- #6. Print off h at band patter and trace on single layer black material; cut out.
- #7. Hand stitch in place directly above where folded up.

Hair:

#1. Hot glue raffia in place for hair. Take just a couple strands of raffia and glue to very top of head as this will be covered with his hat. Continue to do this until satisfied with the results.

#2. Load doll needle with double strand of embroidery floss to match hat. Place on scarecrow and hand stitch in place from back of head.

Neck:

#1. Print out neck cheesecloth pattern and trace on single layer cheesecloth.

#2. Stain with recipe and instructions given below at the end of these directions.

#3. Wrap around neck.

Sunflowers:

#1. Print out large and small patterns; trace 3 on double muslin; cut out. You will need 6 in total.

#2. Lay all 6 out on an old cookie sheet and paint, front and back, with "Sunflower" acrylic paint. Let dry thoroughly.

#3. Doing one flower at a time and being sure to paint front and back, paint with "Coffee Brown" acrylic paint, do NOT let dry, quickly wipe the paint off. This leaves a residue of the paint giving each flower a "vintage" look.

#4. For the 3 small flowers only. Thread a regular needle with brown thread. Fold 2 petals together (in towards each other) and at the beginning of the petals (near the center of the flower) hand sew 1 whipstitch. Do this for each petal all around. Fold the top of the flower (above the hand sewn stitches) back and then front again so that it has a crease there. The other 3 flowers are left plain.

#5. Stack one small folded flower on top of a larger plain flower, put a rusty bell in the center and sew together with a few stitches.

Leaves:

#1. Print out pattern and trace on double layer muslin; you will need 6.

#2. Lay all 6 out on an old cookie sheet and paint, front and back, with leaf green paint.

#3. Sand lightly.

Crow:

#1. Print out crow and crow wing patterns. Trace both on double layer muslin.

#2. Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines.

#3. On back, cut a slit for turning, turn.

#4. Stuff both firmly and sew openings shut.

#5. Paint both black being sure to paint beak either yellow or orange. Let dry thoroughly. When completely dry, lightly sand.

#6. Thread doll needle with double strand black quilt thread and sew wing to body.

#7. Sew black bead on for eye.

Finishing:

#1. First make a hanger for the back of your wreath. Either cut a small piece of wire and attach it to the top back of your wreath or hot glue a piece of cord for hanger.

- #2. Look at picture of wreath and hot glue Scrappy ScareCrow to your wreath first.
- #3. You can either follow the picture for placement or lay everything out on wreath and move them around until you get a placement you like and then hot glue everything in place.
- #4. Once your flowers are glued in place, glue your leaves in where you like.

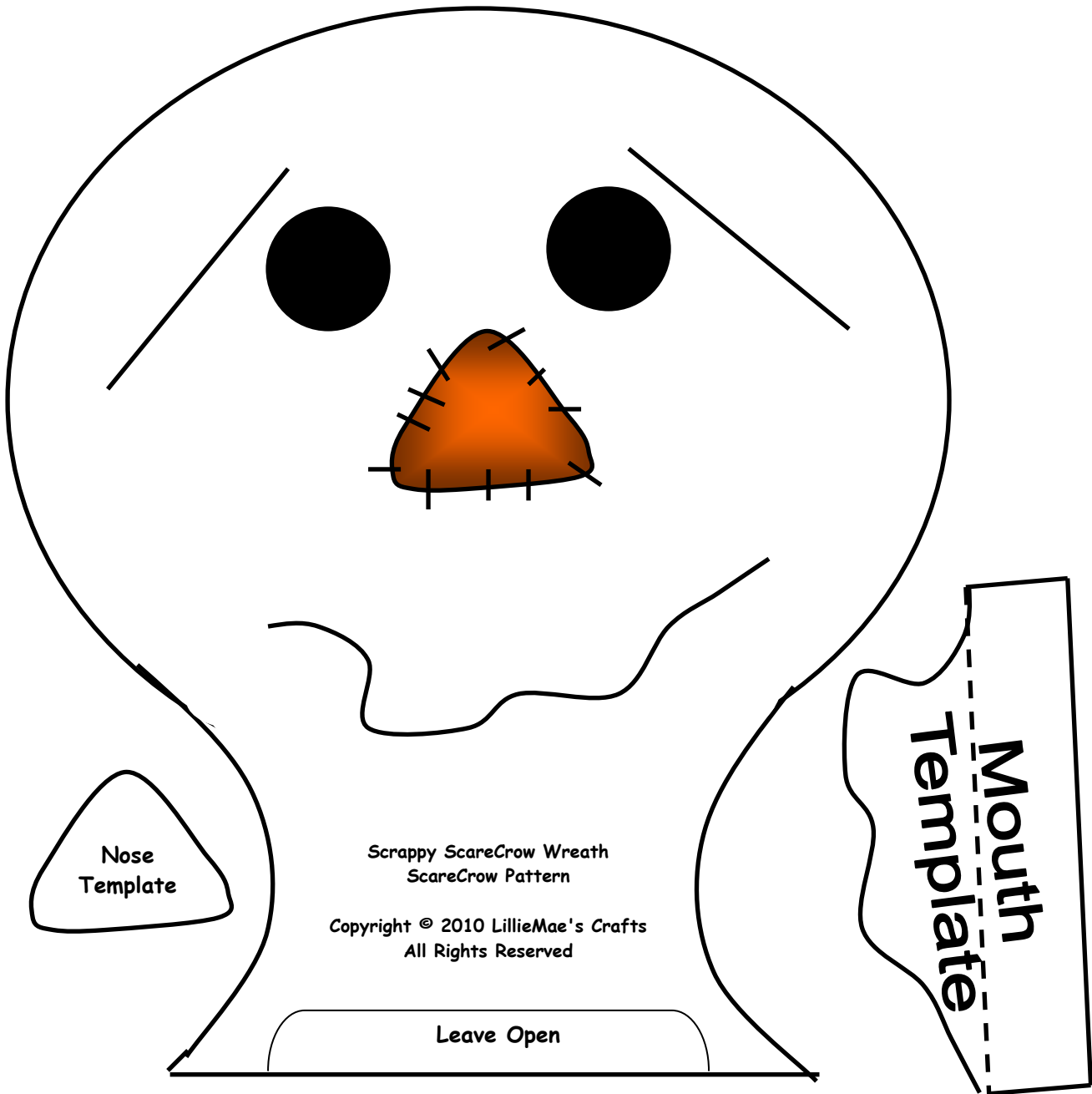
Staining: Combine $\frac{1}{4}$ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water, 1/4 cup Vanilla extract and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon fragrance oil (Some of my preferred scents are cinnamon bun, sugar cookies, and vanilla) in a glass jar with lid. Shake for few minutes until thoroughly mixed. If the scent is not strong enough for your preference, add another 1/8 teaspoon of fragrance oil and continue this until the scent is to your liking. However, I would suggest only adding 1/8 teaspoon of fragrance oil each time because if you add too much and the scent is too strong for you, you will have to start over. Line an old cookie sheet with old rags and lay what you're staining here. With a sponge brush or spray bottle thoroughly coat. Bake for 10 minutes at 250 degrees. Check often as this can catch on fire. If you have to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments and always KEEP checking the oven. Store left over stain mixture in glass jar with lid for your next primitive project.

Rusting Recipe: Combine 2 cups white vinegar, 1/4 cup peroxide and 2 tablespoons salt in a large plastic container; soak for 4 hours. Remove to paper towels, spritz with peroxide and spread salt on them. Let sit for another 2 hours. NOTE: This recipe calls for a large container as this recipe foams up pretty quickly.

You're done with Scrappy ScareCrow Wreath. I hope you enjoyed making it as much as I enjoyed designing it. If you have any problems or questions at all, please don't hesitate to email me or visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page at <http://www.lilliecrafts.com>

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