


## **\*\*Clay Pot Scarecrow Creation: A How-To Guide for Activity Directors Who Could Use a Laugh (and a Craft)\*\***

 **\*\*Heads up, Activity Directors! You know what's better than a scarecrow in the garden? A scarecrow that can sit on your coffee table without scaring away your grandkids. Let's unleash the crafting wizards in your seniors with this hilariously adorable Clay Pot Scarecrow!\*\***

### **What You'll Need:**

1. **\*\*Small Clay Pots\*\***: Two per scarecrow, unless you're into multi-headed scarecrows.
2. **\*\*Acrylic Paints\*\***: Brown, black, orange, and any other fall-ish colors.
3. **\*\*Paint Brushes\*\***: The tinier the better. We're artists, not lumberjacks.
4. **\*\*Fabric Scraps\*\***: For that high-fashion scarecrow look.
5. **\*\*Small Straw Hat\*\***: The smaller, the cuter. Fact.
6. **\*\*Hot Glue Gun\*\***: Keep this away from George; we all remember the "Christmas Ornament Incident."
7. **\*\*Googly Eyes\*\***: Because they make everything 1000% better.
8. **\*\*String or Twine\*\***: For that rustic, I-just-came-from-the-barn vibe.

### **Instructions:**

#### **Step 1: Lay Down the Law**

Assemble your troop of eager seniors and explain they're making a scarecrow that won't just scare crows but will capture hearts. Cue dramatic music.

#### **Step 2: The Foundation of Life**

Time to paint the clay pots. One for the head and one for the body. Let their inner Picassos run wild but remind them: This isn't abstract art, folks!

#### **Step 3: Patience, Young Grasshoppers**

While the pots dry, share your favorite scarecrow joke. Example: "Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field!" Pause for applause.

#### **Step 4: High Fashion Alert**

Cut fabric scraps into tiny scarecrow clothes. Hold a mini fashion show. Compliment Ethel on her excellent taste in scarecrow couture.

#### **Step 5: The Hot Glue Tango**

Glue the clothes onto the body pot. This is not a drill; it's hot glue. Safety first!

**Step 6: Headgear Chic**

Glue the small straw hat onto the head pot. If it looks ridiculous, you're doing it right.

**Step 7: Bring Me to Life**

Time for googly eyes. Place them wherever, even if your scarecrow ends up looking cross-eyed. It's called "character," Karen.

**Step 8: String it Together**

Use string or twine to give your scarecrow a makeshift belt or even a little necktie. Fancy!

**Step 9: Assemble Your Minion**

Stack the head pot on top of the body pot. If it falls, laugh, pick it up, and try again. This is what crafting is all about!

**Step 10: The Grand Reveal**

Line up all the scarecrows for a hilarious and heartwarming debut. Take photos, make memories, and maybe even let them "scare" away some imaginary crows.