

Making a New Friend



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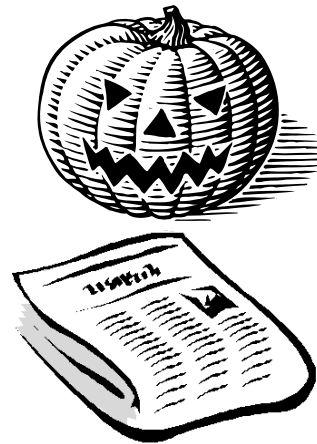
- Socialization, Fine Motor

Objectives:

- Child will participate with peers to complete a group activity.
- Child will crumple newspaper.

Materials

- Green pants
- White or pale blue shirt
- Brown work boots
- White gloves
- Black top hat
- Jack-O-Lantern pumpkin head (prefer plastic)
- Large quantity of newspaper
- Kleenex or tissue paper
- Rubber bands
- Safety pins
- Chair
- *Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* storybook



Instructions:

- Assemble all articles of clothing.
- Wrap rubber bands around the bottom of each pant leg and at the end of each shirtsleeve. Make the rubber bands tight enough so that paper will not fall through,
- Gather the shirttail and wrap a rubber band around the bottom to keep newspaper from falling through.
- Read *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything*. Discuss the fact that all the pieces of clothing came together to make a scarecrow.
- Review the articles of clothing and tell children that they are going to make a classroom scarecrow.

- Place a chair in the area where you would like the Scarecrow to be seated.
- Position the shoes in front of the chair.
- Start with the pants.
- Using a half or full sheet of newspaper, demonstrate how to crumple the paper into a loose ball. Stuff the ball of paper into one leg of the pants.
- Allow each child to have a turn crumpling and stuffing until the pants are full.
- Use safety pins to close the top of the pants.
- Place each pant leg into the top of a shoe.
- Repeat crumpling and stuffing process to fill the shirt.
- Place the stuffed shirt on top of the pants.
- Use safety pins to secure the bottom of the shirt to the top of the pants.
- Repeat the crumpling and stuffing process to fill each glove. Use Kleenex or tissue paper to stuff in each finger.
- Attach a glove to each arm of the shirt using safety pins.
- Place the pumpkin head in the neck of the shirt.
- Position the hat on top of the pumpkin head.

Suggestions:

- Give your new classroom friend a name.
- Take each child's picture standing next to the scarecrow. Make your own classroom scarecrow book.
- Use straw instead of newspaper

