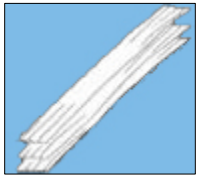




How to Make Your Own Corn Husk Doll

Corn husks were used by Southeastern tribes to make both boy and girl dolls. You can make your very own corn husk doll just like the Five Civilized Tribes did using the same kind of materials!

INSTRUCTIONS



STEP 1

Get the husks from two or three ears of corn and soak them in warm water until they are soft and easy to bend.



STEP 2

To make the arms, cut two corn husks about 5 inches long. Then tie a string $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from each end to make hands.



STEP 3

To make the body, put together three corn husks that are the same length and fold them in half. Then tie a string 1 inch from the fold to make the head.



STEP 4

Carefully separate the husks of the body and slide arms through into place. Then tie a string around the body just below the arms to hold them in place.

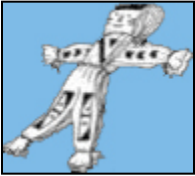
Now you get to choose whether you want to make your doll a boy or a girl. Instructions for both dolls can be found on the next page. Steps 5a & 5b will make a boy doll, and steps 6a & 6b will make a girl doll!

How to Make Your Doll a Boy



STEP 5a

To make the legs, cut a vertical line up from the bottom about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way to the string holding up the arms. Then tie a string $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the bottom of each leg to make the feet.



STEP 5b

Your boy doll is now finished and can be painted once your doll is dry! You can paint a face, patterns and other Native American markings. You can also make clothes for your doll in the [Activities](#) section of the [Chickasaw Kids website](#)!

How to Make Your Doll a Girl



STEP 6a

Girl dolls are wearing a dress so they do not need any more work!



STEP 6b

Your girl doll is now finished and can be painted once your doll is dry! You can paint a face, patterns and other Native American markings. You can also make clothes for your doll in the [Activities](#) section of the [Chickasaw Kids website](#)!

Thank you for participating! We hope you enjoyed making your Corn Husk Doll as much as we did! For more games and activities, please come and visit the [Chickasaw Kids website](#) anytime!