

# Corn Husk Doll

## Supplies:

- 8-10 corn husks soaked in warm water for 15 minutes
- Yarn/string
- A large towel
- Scissors



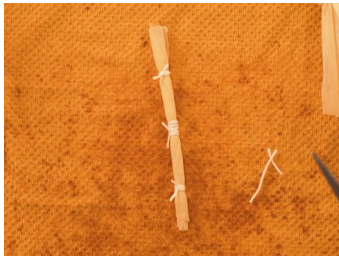
## Steps:

	<p>Step 1: After the corn husks have soaked in warm water for 15 minutes, remove them and lay them out on the towel. Blot excess water from the husks. The husks should be malleable.</p>
	<p>Step 2: Take six of the corn husks and stack them on top of each other so that they form a triangular shape. Tie the stack of husks tightly together with yarn about 1 or 2 inches from the narrow end.</p>
	<p>Step 3: Hold the tied husks with the narrow end down and begin to fold down the husks one at a time, covering the yarn.</p>
	<p>Step 4: Create the doll's head by tying the folded husks together tightly.</p>





Step 5: To make the arms, take two husks and stack them on top of each other so that they form a rectangular shape.



Step 6: Roll the husks together tightly and tie them together at the center and at each end.



Step 7: Position the arms snugly below the knot at the neck, between equal portions of the husks.



Step 8: Fold the husks down over the arms. Tie the husks tightly with yarn beneath the arms to form the waist.



Step 9: Trim the arms and any excess string if necessary.



Step 10: Fluff the doll's skirt to make it fuller. Allow the doll to dry for one or two days.

**Why don't corn husk dolls have a face?** The Iroquois, a Native American tribe from the eastern part of the United States, created corn husk dolls. They have a legend that the doll has no face because she started admiring her beauty too much.

**Fun Facts:**

- Native Americans taught early Americans how to do many things, such as planting and harvesting crops. They also taught them to use all parts of nature to help them live.
- Native Americans used corn husks to make mats, baskets, and dolls.
- As Americans began moving west in covered wagons after the Louisiana Purchase, corn husk dolls became popular toys for pioneer children to make in the 1800s.