



Corn Husk Dolls

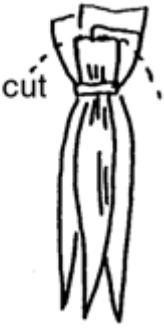



Materials Needed:



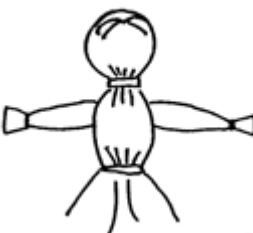

- String
- Scissors
- A bucket of water- large enough to soak cornhusks
- Bags of cornhusks – you will need 4 cornhusks for each doll. Find them at a local craft store (dried, cleaned, and in uniform sizes)
- Cornhusk doll diagram pages (print out)



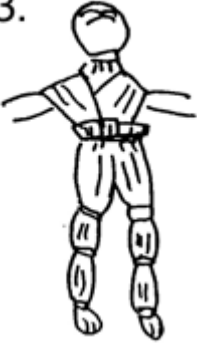
Directions:

Before beginning, soak cornhusks in a bucket of water until they are soft and pliable.

<p>1.</p> 	<p>Take four cornhusks and arrange them in as shown.</p>
<p>2.</p> 	<p>Using a small piece of string, tie the straight ends together tightly.</p>

<p>3.</p> 	<p>Trim and round the edges with scissors.</p>
<p>4.</p> 	<p>Turn upside down and pull long ends of husks down over the trimmed edges.</p>
<p>5.</p> 	<p>Tie with string to form the "head."</p>
<p>6.</p> 	<p>Take another husk, flatten it, and roll into a tight cylinder.</p>

<p>7.</p> 	<p>Tie each end with string. This forms the doll's arms.</p>
<p>8.</p> 	<p>Fit the arms inside of the long husks, just below the "neck."</p>
<p>9.</p> 	<p>Tie with string, as shown, to form a "waist."</p>
<p>10.</p> 	<p>Drape a husk around the arms and upper body in a criss-cross pattern to form "shoulders."</p>

<p>11.</p> 	<p>Take four or five husks, straight edges together, and arrange around waist. These form a "skirt" for the doll.</p>
<p>12.</p> 	<p>Tie with string.</p>
<p>13.</p> 	<p>If desired, follow the diagram to form legs for the doll. Tie legs with small strips of husks as indicated. Finish off the doll by tying small strips of husk around the neck and waist to hide the string. Small scraps of cloth may be used to dress the doll.</p>