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HOW TO MAKE A CORN HUSK DOLL

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MATERIALS NEEDED



Corn Husks



Bucket of Water



String or Twine



Scissors

INSTRUCTIONS

1

SOAK CORN HUSKS

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



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DIVIDE HUSKS

Use 3-4 corn husks per doll, depending upon the size and thickness.



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GATHER & PINCH

Gather and pinch together the ends of three or four corn husks about 1 inch from the end



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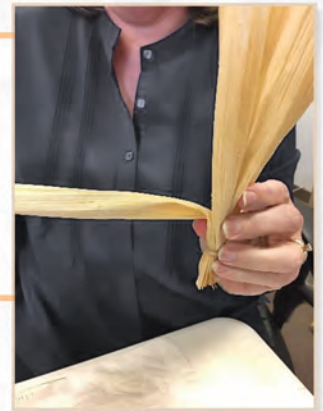
TIE TOGETHER

Use a piece of string or twine about 5 inches long to tie the husks together with a double knot. Trim the string ends.

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FLIP THE BUNDLE

Flip the "bundle" of corn husks upside down and pull the long ends down over the knot, covering it completely.



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FORM THE HEAD

Gather the husks over the knot and tie with another piece of string to form the head. Trim the string ends.



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FORMING THE ARMS

Take another corn husk and rip it into three strips.



8

TIE TOGETHER

Tie the three strips together about an inch from the end with a double knot. Trim the string ends.

9

BRAID THE ARMS

Braid the three strips and tie the opposite end - forming the arms for the doll. Trim the string ends.



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BRING THE ARMS & BODY TOGETHER

Place the arms inside the doll, up underneath the head, dividing the loose husks of the body into two sections.



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FORM THE WAIST

Gather the two sections of husks under the arms and tie to form the waist of the doll. Trim the string ends.



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TRIM HANDS & SKIRT

With scissors, trim the hands and skirt, creating a straight edge so that the doll can stand upright.

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BOY DOLL OPTION

If making a boy doll, divide the skirt into two sections and tie the ends to create legs. Trim the string ends.



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ENJOY YOUR CORN HUSK DOLL!

Please share photos of your corn husk dolls with us, and feel free to be creative once you have mastered the basic doll.

