



How to Make

CORN HUSK DOLLS

Materials Needed:



Bags of Corn Husks



Bucket of Water



String or Twine



Scissors for Twine

Directions:



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



Use 3 - 4 cornhusks per doll, depending upon size and thickness.



Gather and pinch the ends of two or three cornhusks together about 1 inch from the end.



Use a piece of string, about 5 in. long to tie the husks together with a double knot. Trim the string.



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



Gather the husks under the knot and tie with a string to form the head of the doll. Trim the string.



Take another husk and rip it into three strips.



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



Braid the three strips, and tie the opposite end – forming the arms for the doll. Trim the string.



Place the arms inside the doll – dividing the husks into two sections.



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



Trim the “hands” of the doll and the skirt so that the doll can stand upright.



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



Enjoy your corn husk doll!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Alamo Education Department at education@thealamo.org.

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

