

Corn Husk People

Corn husk dolls are an Indigenous tradition that is thousands of years old.

The dolls come from cultures that used corn as a staple crop. Husks come from the harvest and have many other uses in everyday life.

[Click here to watch educator Annawon Weeden make a traditional Wampanoag doll and talk about its history.](#)

We encourage you to learn more about the legend of the doll, which varies across Indigenous peoples.

Check out the next page for the activity supply list and step-by-step instructions!

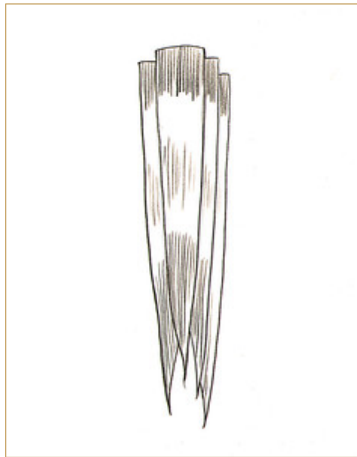
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Supplies

- 6 corn husks
- Twine or thick string
- Other materials of your choice for clothing and hair (lace, scrap fabric, and yarn)

Prep

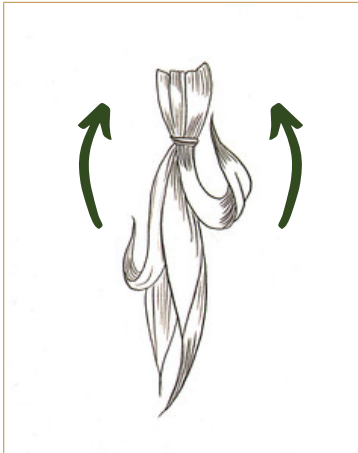
Soak husks in water for 10 minutes and pat dry



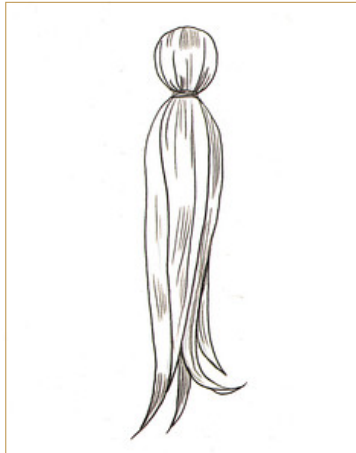
Stack husks, leave one husk to the side



Tie together with thin strip of husk, or twine



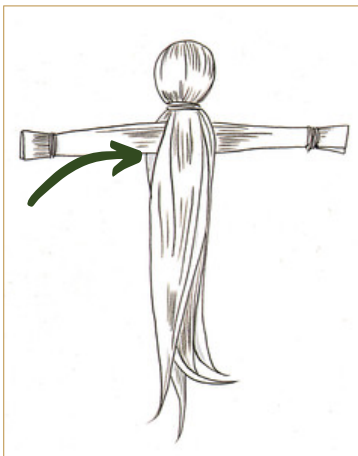
Pull long ends over tie



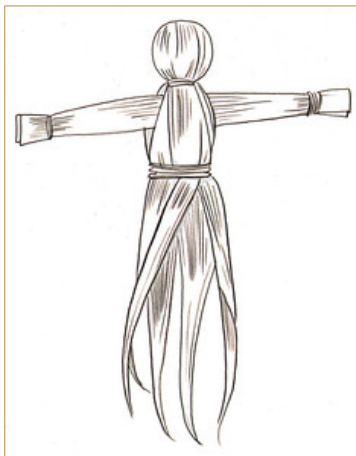
Tie again, creating the head



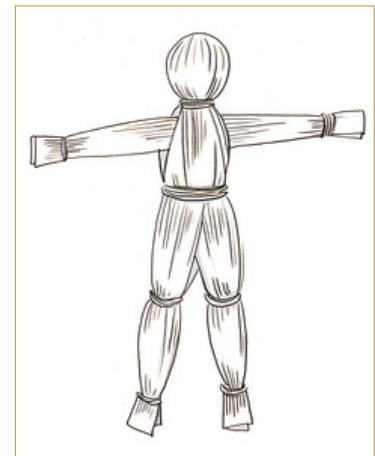
Use other husk for arms, roll and tie at each end



Insert arms between body at shoulder position



Tie doll at waist



Tie at knees and ankles to create legs