

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

Try out this ancient craft by following the *Corn Husk People* how-to!

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.

### **Instructions**

1. Print visual how-to on 8.5x11" paper
2. Gather supplies and follow the instructions!

### **Tips**

Save your corn husks from your late summer and fall meals. To dry the husks, clean them thoroughly with cold water and let them drain overnight. The next day, lay out newspaper and allow the husks to dry completely for up to 3 days.

You can purchase dried corn husks, typically used for food like tamales. Grocery stores also often have corn husks that you can take home and dry.