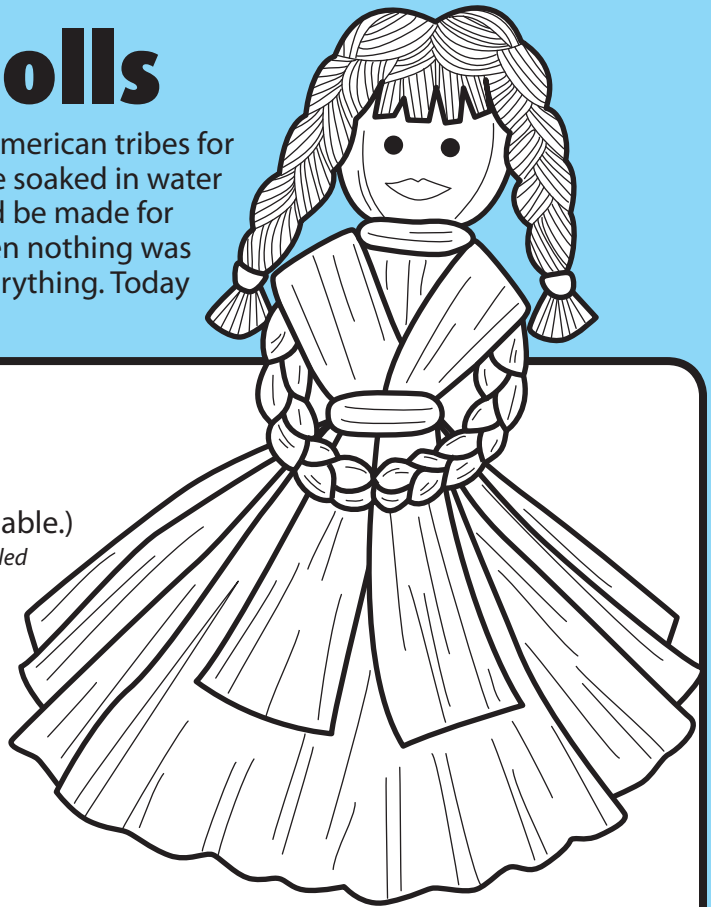


# Corn Husk Dolls

These dolls have been made by Native American tribes for many generations. Dried cornhusks were soaked in water to become soft so that sturdy dolls could be made for children to use as toys. It was a time when nothing was wasted and a purpose was found for everything. Today we call this recycling.



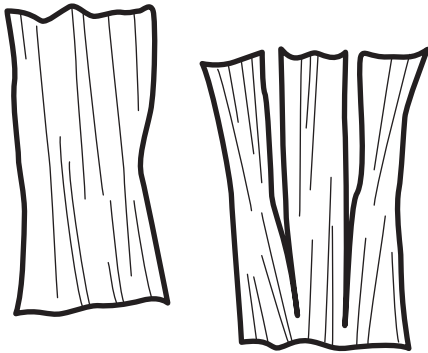
## Supplies:

Corn Husks, cotton ball, string  
(Corn Silk may be used for hair if available.)

*If actual cornhusk is not available, you can use crinkled tissue paper or crepe paper. However, they will not need to be soaked in water and will not be as stiff and durable when complete.*

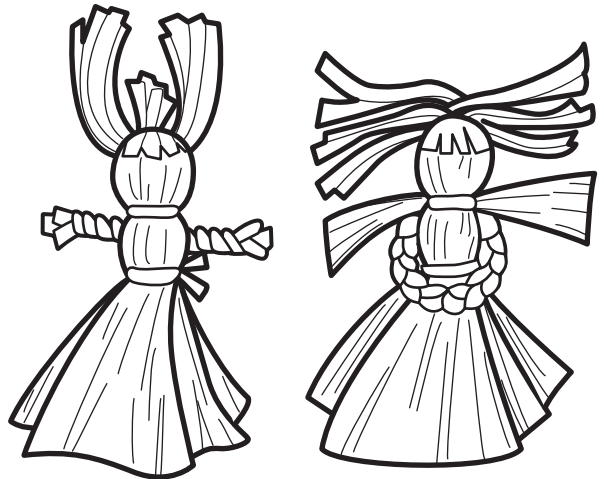
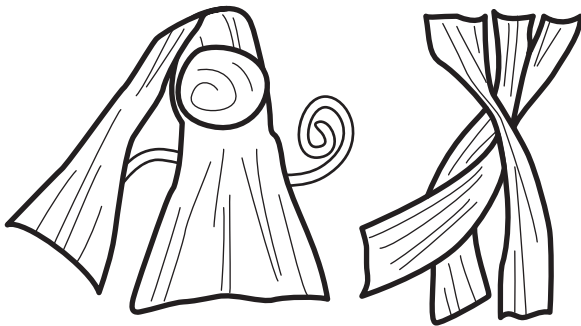
## Step 1:

Soak corn husks in water until soft



## Step 2:

Lay each sheet out flat and begin by tearing equal size strips to be braided into the arms of the doll. Thinner strips can be used as pieces of hair. This is where you can use the corn silk if available.



## Step 3:

Place a cotton ball or similar-sized object in the middle of a section of husk. Fold it, twist it, and tie it with a piece of string to make a head.

## Step 4:

Braid three strips to make the arms of the doll. Tie a knot at both ends to form hands.

## Step 5:

Insert the arms and tie off at waist. Insert the hair, either corn husk strips or corn silk. Tie a few thin strips together and cut short to form bangs.

## Step 6:

Now braid hair on each side of head and tie ends. Wrap a half strip of husk around neck and down front to form shawl. Pull arms together and tie. Let the doll dry thoroughly and have fun.