



# How to Make a Corn Shuck Doll Like Native American and Pioneer Children in Arkansas

Wherever corn was grown as a crop both Native American and Arkansas pioneer families used husks to fashion dolls.

## Materials:

- string
- scissors
- a bucket of water
- bags of cornhusks

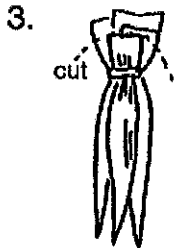
\*\*\*\*Before beginning, soak cornhusks in a bucket of water until they are soft and pliable.\*\*\*\*



1. Take four cornhusks and arrange them in as shown.



2. Using a small piece of string, tie the straight ends together tightly.



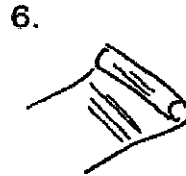
3. Trim and round the edges with scissors.



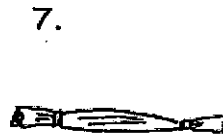
4. Turn upside down and pull long ends of husks down over the trimmed edges.



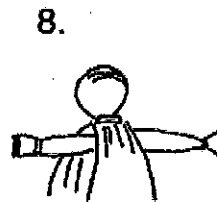
5. Tie with string to form the "head."



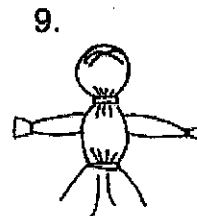
6. Take another husk, flatten it, and roll into a tight cylinder.



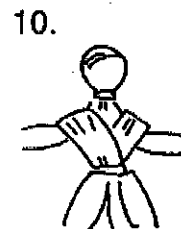
7. Tie each end with string. This forms the doll's arms.



8. Fit the arms inside of the long husks, just below the "neck."



9. Tie with string, as shown, to form a "waist."



10. Decorate your doll anyway you like.