

CORN HUSK DOLLS

****What You'll Need:****

- Dried corn husks (available at craft stores, or you can dry your own)
- Twine or string
- Scissors
- Optional: Markers, fabric scraps for clothing, tiny buttons, etc.

Step 1: The Soak Operation

Soak your dried corn husks in warm water for about 30 minutes. This makes them as flexible as a yoga instructor so you can mold them without breakage.

Step 2: Get it Together

Select 4 to 6 softened husks for each doll. Place them in a stack, aligning them at the top. You'll want your doll to have a voluminous skirt, so don't skimp on the husks!

Step 3: The "Bun" Step

1. Tie a string about 1 inch from the top of your aligned husks. This is the head of your doll, and congratulations, she (or he) is already rocking a fantastic bun hairstyle!

Step 4: Let's Go Upside Down

Flip the husks so the tied part is at the bottom. Fold down the husks over the tied part; this forms the head over the knot.

Step 5: The Cinch

Tie another string below the folded husks to form the neck. See? Your doll is already taking shape!

Step 6: Arm Creation

Take another husk and roll it tightly into a cylindrical shape—this forms the arms. Insert the arms between the husks, just below the neck. Tie another string below the arms to form the waist.

Step 7: The Final Snip and Optional Dress-up

Trim any excess husk at the bottom for an even skirt. Optionally, use markers to add facial features, or add fabric scraps for clothing. Glue on buttons for eyes or whatever your creative spirit decides!

Step 8: Showcase and Celebrate

Display your finished dolls proudly or give them a spot on the activity room's 'Wall of Amazing Crafts.'

****Pro Tip:****

For male dolls, separate the husks into "legs" by tying each one individually at the bottom.

So, gather your seniors, grab your supplies, and have a husking good time! 🌾