

# CORNSHUCK DOLL MAKING

1) Soak 4 large shucks per doll for about 10 minutes to soften them.

2) Cut off the harder bottom edge and the frayed top edge to make a more (but not totally) rectangular shuck.

3) Take each shuck and split it into 3 strips.  
Take 2 strips and split them into even thinner pieces (these will be used to tie with).

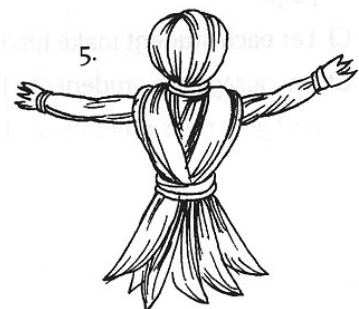
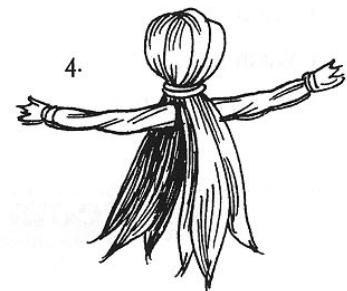
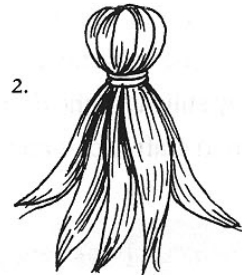
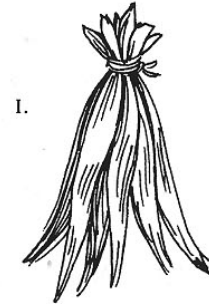
4) Gather 6 strips at the small edge. Tie them together about 1/2" down from the top. [figure #1]  
Flip your bundle. Then turn the husks down over the knot and tie a thin piece around to create the head. [figure #2]

5) Take a strip, cut it to 3-4" in length and roll it up to create arms. Tie thin pieces around the ends to create wrists. [figure #3]  
Fit the arms under the head between the 6 husks, with 3 on each side. [figure #4]  
Tie a piece around the body, right below the arms.

6) Wrap two strips over the arms and down front and back like criss-crossed suspenders or a shawl. Tie a piece around these strips creating a waist. [figure #5]

7) Take a short strip and wrap it over the head for a hat or bonnet. Tie it around the neck.

8) If you'd like a boy, create legs by tying the shucks below the waist into equal amounts, once to create knees, and once to create ankles.



Go to Wal-Mart, Ingles, or your local Mexican food store to buy corn shucks.  
Learn how to tie a square knot for this project.... left over right, right over left.