

How to Make Corncob People



Corncob Growing on a Corn Stalk

Materials

Cob without seeds
Cloth for wrapping around cob
Yarn or string to tie on the cloth
Glue
Corn silk for hair

Making the Corncob Person

Remove the outer husk and silk.
Save the silk.
Remove the seeds.
Clean and dry the cob.
Draw a face on the cob or draw a face on a strip of fabric and glue it to the cob.
Glue the corn silk to the top of the cob.
Wrap the cob in cloth and tie the cloth with yarn or string.



Some children or grownups dressed the corncobs in cornhusk clothing.



In The Little House in the Big Woods, Laura had a very simple corncob doll. The story says, "Laura had only a corncob wrapped in a handkerchief, but it was a good doll. It was named Susan."

Indian children like Josephine Whitefish, the daughter of Chief Paul Whitefish, who lived in Wisconsin at about the same time as the Ingalls family, may have carried dolls in a cradleboard.

Boys and girls who wanted loggers or farmers for their play people dressed the corncobs in scraps of fabric that looked like work clothes. They added corn silk beards.



How will you dress and decorate your corncob to look like the character you want it to be?



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