

How to Make Toss and Aim Toys

Pioneer and Indian children made and used toys that helped them become better at aiming at targets and at the animals they would harvest for food for their families. How might toys, such as ring toss, beanbags, darts, and toy bows and arrows, help them improve their target skills?



Wing Feathers of a Pheasant – A Game Bird

- Use the wing or tail feathers of a game bird or poultry feathers that have dropped when those birds are molting. (Note – It is illegal to collect or use the feathers of other wild birds.)



- Poke the shaft of three feathers into the soft end of a piece of dry corncob. You may want a grownup to help you use a nail or pick to make small holes for the feather shafts. They could also help you cut sections of corncobs. Use glue to keep the feathers in the holes.
- Toss the cob with the feathers in it at a target as you stand a certain distance away. Do not toss it at people, animals or objects that might break.

