



Make the head

Lay the two bottom husks with the inside of the husks opening up, and the top two husks opening downward. The tips of the husks should all point in same direction.



Tie near the tip and cut off the husk near the string

Wad up ¼ sheet of paper towel and carefully fold the two husks on each side over the wad. Decide which pair of husks will overlap the other two better. One



side should look better for the face. Tie a knot at the bottom of the towel wad. Make the knot on the side not selected for the face. (for the remainder of the project put the knots on the same side (back))

Make the Arms

Lay one husk on top of the other with the pointed ends of the husks facing opposite directions.

Tightly roll the husks. You can either separate the husks below the head and insert



the arms. Or you can just cut up from the bottom to make way to insert the arms. Tie below the head/body just below the arms. At the end of the arms, allow for hands beyond the tie, tie the arm



husks. Snip off the excess arm husks leaving the hands.



Make the Dress

Find husks that will wrap more than half way around below the arms. Wrap four to six husks in alternating with front to back and back to front with the last husk having the gap in the back of the doll.

And then tie.

When done, trim the bottom of the dress straight across. The video said paper towels could be balled up into the dress to flair to out to make the doll stand



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This page is a summary of the YouTube Video [Story of the Cherokee Corn Husk Doll | How To Make a Corn Husk Doll | Easy Corn Husk Doll](#)



Make the head scarf and shawl cross ties

The video says to fold husks in half and fold the edges again to the center. – I found it easier to fold for three layers and then adjust to a desired width.

The head scarf is simply formed over the top of the head. It's simpler and to tie the head scarf in place rather than try to hold it in place with the shawl crossties that come next.

The shawl cross ties are just placed over the shoulders and tied in place.

The head scarf and cross ties may be trimmed to look

appropriate.

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