

Cork Boats

- Foam sheet
 - 1 wooden skewer
 - Yarn
 - 3 wine corks
 - 2 wide elastics
1. Cut a trapezoid or rectangle shape from the craft foam, gently pinch the top and bottom of the trapezoid shape inwards to give the sail a bit of a curve shape.
 2. Carefully poke the pointy end of the wooden skewer through the center of the top and bottom of the craft foam sail.
 3. Tie yarn around one of the corks.
 4. Line up 3 corks side by side; make sure the cork with yarn tied to it is on the end.
 5. Stretch 2 wide elastics over the corks to hold them together.
 6. Push the pointy end of the wooden skewer into the hole in the middle cork.

Tip: Before skewering your sail, you can decorate it with markers or stickers!

CORN HUSK DOLL

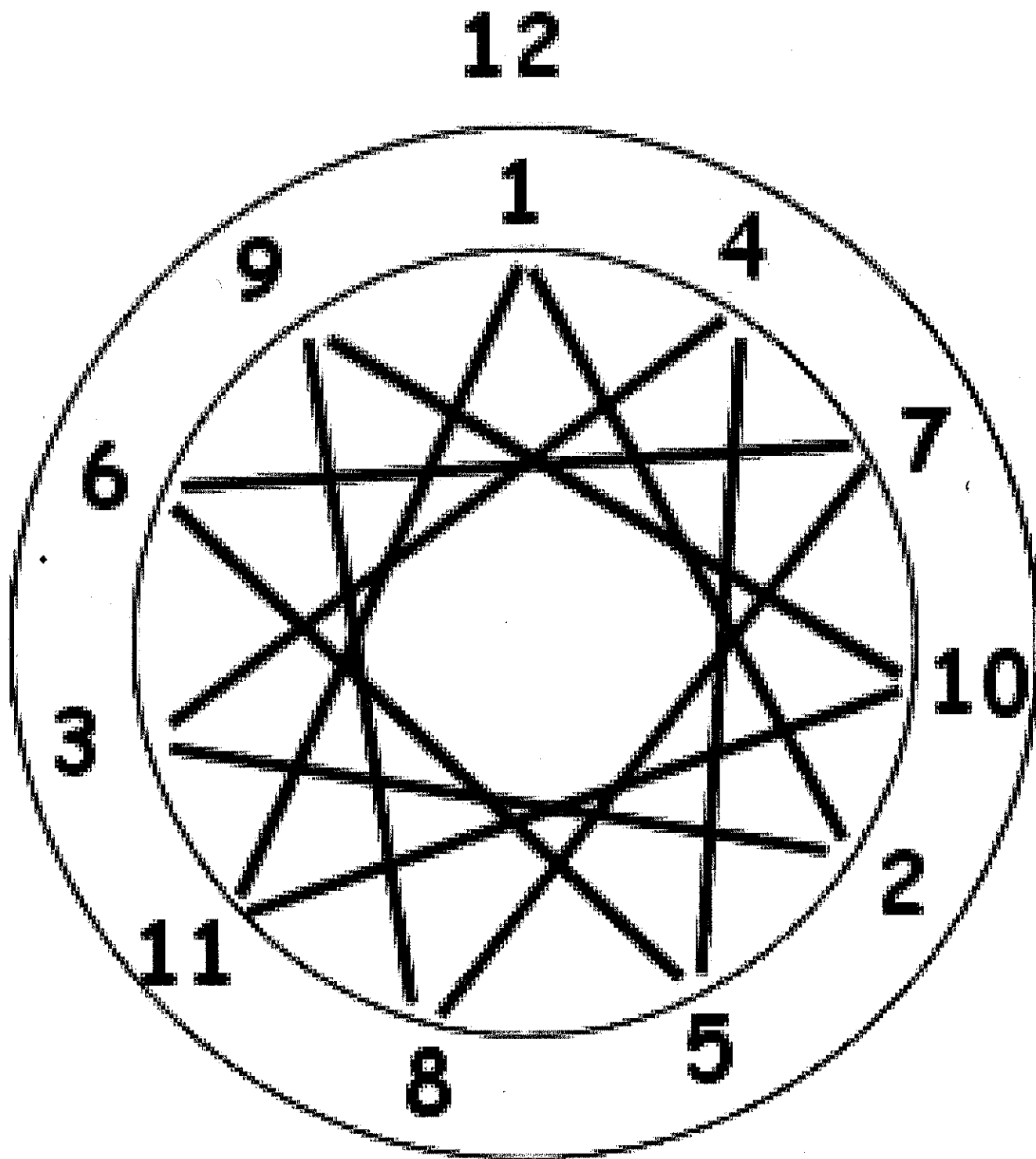
- Skeleton (dowel & wood bead)
- Corn Husks (*PRE SOAK in WARM WATER*)
- Yarn
- Fabric Pieces
- Hair

1. Clean and separate the corn husk. *Place in warm water to soften, 30min before project!*
2. Fold and twist a cornhusk leaf into a long slim roll for ARMS. Trim the roll to 6 inches. Tie the ends with yarn.
3. Use 2 cornhusk leaves, place one over the other and fold the sides together until it is about 1 ½ inches wide.
4. Insert the neck and head at the center. Place the arms behind the "neck" and fold over.
5. Tie the husk together below the arms with yarn for a waist. You now have a body.
6. You can trim bottom and top of husk if you like, but it is not necessary.
7. Use 1 or 2 large wide or several narrower husks for a "dress". Wrap the body with the husk/s matching the inside of the dress with the lower edge of the untrimmed body.
8. Tie around the waist with yarn & cut off all the excess "inside" husk evenly.
9. Pull the dress down (gently) over the body. Trim the lower edge of the dress. If the dress flares out, use a piece of yarn to hold it together until it dries – then remove.
10. Tie fabric into a bonnet, apron or scarf or use any other item you want to decorate your doll with.

DREAM CATCHER

- Paper plate
- Feathers
- Markers
- Yarn
- Beads

1. Cut out the center of your paper plate and discard, so you are left with just the rim.
2. Following the pattern below, use scissors to make the coordinating holes around the disk that you have made.
3. Thread yarn through the holes according to the number pattern below. * You can add the occasional bead to your yarn as you go.
4. Tie off once you've weaved all the holes.
5. Tie yarn to bottom of your disc to add feathers and beads that will hang from your dream catcher.



PIPE CLEANER FLOWER FAIRIES

- pipe cleaner (1)
- pipe cleaner, cut in half (1)
- beads - 4 small pony beads, and one bead with a larger hole
- marker
- yarn
- scissors
- silk flowers

Begin by taking a pipe cleaner and bending it in half.

Pre-cut pieces of yarn are for the fairy's hair. Lay them across the bend in the pipe cleaner.

Now, use a wooden bead, this is your fairy's head. Thread the bead down both ends of the pipe cleaner.

Turn the pipe cleaner over so the head is at the top. Take the pipe cleaner that you cut in half and twist it under the head. This will be your fairy's arms and neck. Bend the arms in (if you like).

Add 2-3 pony beads to the bottom of the pipe cleaner.

Take your silk flower pieces and feed those up the pipe cleaner for a skirt, dress, and/or petticoat!

Add one final bead underneath the skirt to secure the clothing in place.

Bend the pipe cleaner at the bottom to make feet. If you want your fairy to be shorter just snip the pipe cleaners a bit.

Lastly, take a marker and draw a cute fairy face on the wooden bead head, you can cut your fairy's hair shorter if you like, or leave it wilderness- wild!

KOINOBORI

- Toilet Paper Roll
- Color Paper
- Yarn
- Googly Eyes

- 1 In 3-4 colours, cut out several circles of paper, then cut those in half to make semi circles. Cover bottom inch of Toilet Paper Roll with glue. Start placing the straight edge of each semi-circle on your roll, overlapping slightly so no roll shows underneath. Ensure the curved end of the semi-circle hangs off the roll so it isn't attached. This end will be the fish's tail. Complete all the way around, adding glue as needed.
- 2 Repeat all the way to the top, making sure you finish with the flat end half circles around the top of the roll. This is the head. At this point, if there are any half circles that are still sticking up, use extra to stick them down.
- 3 Glue googly eyes on opposite sides of the top of your Toilet Paper Roll.
- 4 Cut strips of yarn. At the tail end, add glue around the inside bottom of the roll. One by one, stick a long piece of yarn in the glue, going all the way around until it's covered.
- 5 Trim any ends if necessary so they're about the same length.
- 6 Cut a 7" piece of yarn. On the head side, add glue to the inside the roll, opposite the eye. Stick one end of your yarn into the glue. Repeat on the opposite side, just behind the eye.



Love Bugs

- Pompoms
- Pipe Cleaners
- Foam
- Googly Eyes

1. Cut foam into a 2 inch heart shape.
2. Glue large pompom to foam.
3. Cut pipe cleaner into 4 pieces. 2 longer pieces for arms and two short pieces for antennae.
4. Glue pipe cleaners to large pompom.
5. Glue googly eyes to large pompom.
6. Decorate with additional pompoms and foam pieces.



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- Straw
- Color Paper
- Stickers

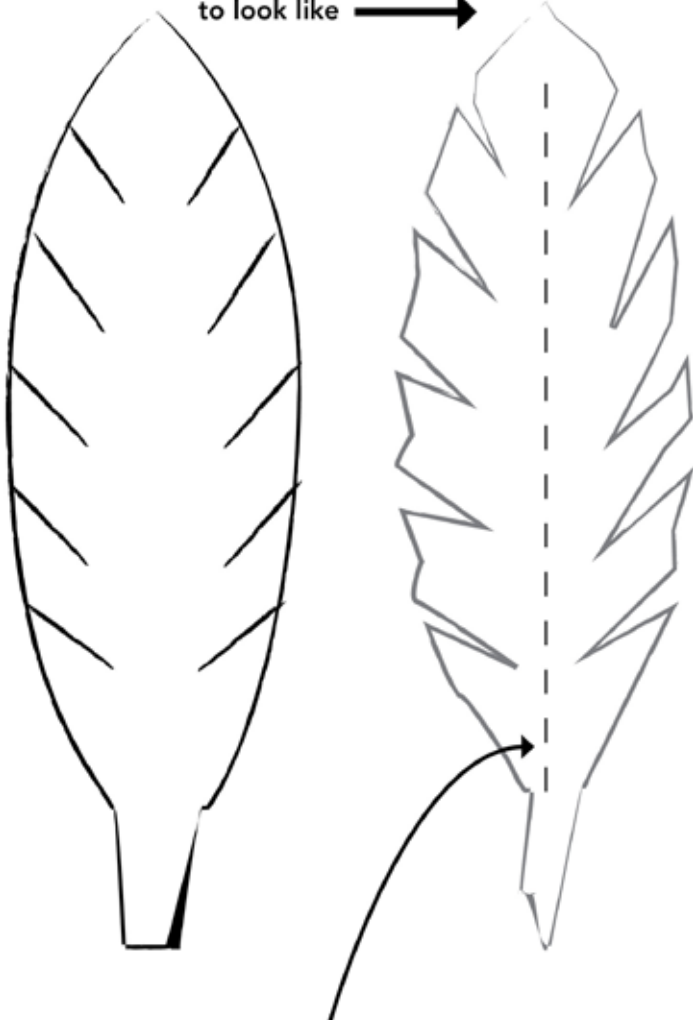
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(Tape works too, not included)

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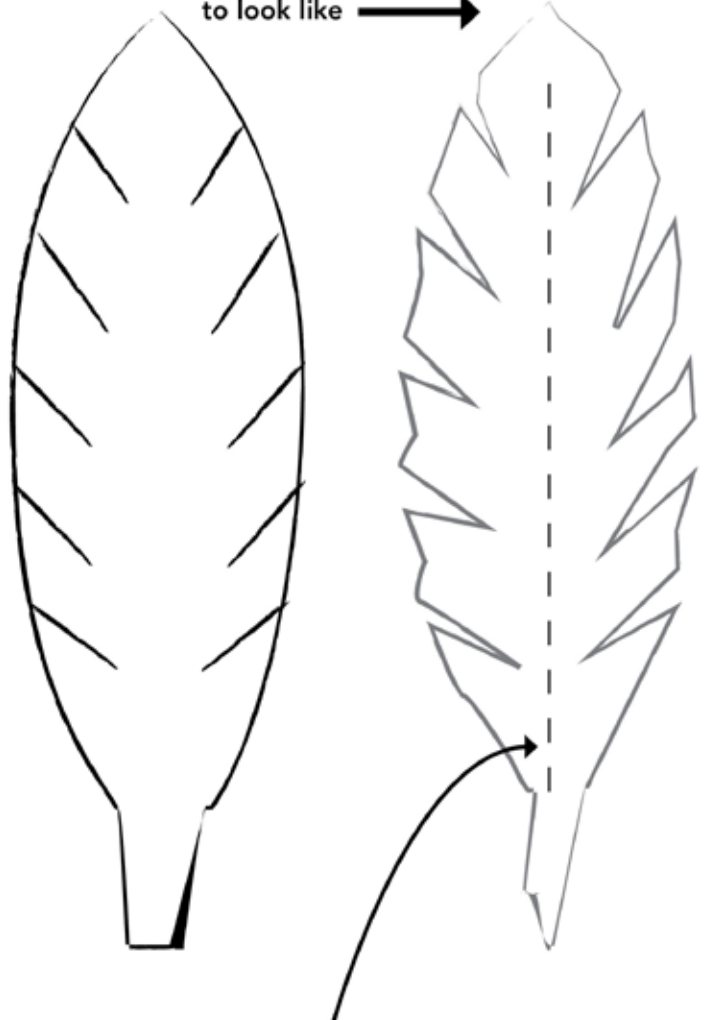
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Ojo de Dios!

THE HISTORY OF OJO DE DIOS

The custom of making an Ojo de Dios is a family tradition believed to have begun with the Ruichol Indians of Mexico.

Upon the birth of a child, the father would weave a "god's eye" in the center of the two sticks. Additional rings of yarn were added each year of the child's life until his or her fifth birthday. It was believed that the Ojo de Dios was a symbol that warded off evil events. The cross formed by the two sticks symbolized the four forces of nature; earth, wind, fire and water.



Today, the Ojo de Dios is found in the homes of many different people from various cultures. The Ojos are often considered decorations, but many families continue to display them as a symbol of home blessings. The Ojos have become an international symbol of faith and good will.

Ojo de Dios, or Eye of the Gods, are easy to make and can be used to create a colorful exhibit in your classroom.

Give each student two sticks, dowels, popsicles sticks or drinking straws. Tie the two sticks together to form a cross.

Loop the yarn around end #1 and then #2, #3, and #4, as you rotate the sticks.

Continue looping until the entire cross is full. Colors can be changed by attaching a new color of yarn to the end of the original color. Tassels can be tied to the ends of the sticks. Hang your Ojo de Dios in a window or from the class ceiling.

-How do you play with playdough?

If this is your first time exploring **play dough** with your child, you can try one of these fun ways to introduce **playdough** to babies and toddlers

1. Smash it with hands. ...
2. Smash it with a tool. ...
3. Pull it apart. ...
4. Roll it with hands. ...
5. Roll it with a tool. ...
6. Use cookie cutters. ...
7. Poke it with fingers.

Benefits of playdough

Enhances fine motor skill

When your child squishes, rolls, flattens, shapes, or cuts play dough, they develop and strengthen hand muscles. The strengthened hand muscles helps improve fine motor skills of your child.

Improves pre-writing skills

When your child plays with play dough, the pincer grip (the squeezing of pointer finger and thumb to grasp an object) improves. An improved pincer grip will help your child draw and write.

Creativity and imagination

Play-dough provides your child with unlimited possibilities of moulding the dough into food, animals, decorations, flowers etc. Thereby, it encourages your child to use their imagination and inspires creativity. If your child uses various shapes, rolling pins and other tools while playing with play dough it helps their imagination grow!

Calming effect

Is your child often restless and finds it difficult to express feelings? Sitting down and squishing and squashing of playdough will have a very calming and soothing effect. It will also provide them with ways to show emotions.

Develops hand - eye coordination

Use of variety of shapes and rolling pins while playing with playdough will improve your child's hand-eye-coordination

Social skills

When your child plays with play-dough along with other children or you they will interact, talk, discuss problems and find solutions to creating great works of art and craft with play dough.

Increases curiosity and knowledge

When your child mixes 2 different colors dough together and discovers a new color or molds play dough in different shapes, it encourages curiosity and questions. So the next time your child requests you to play with play dough, not only encourage him, participate in his play along with him to help him learn the most from play dough.

PLAYDOUGH RECIPE

MIX IN A MEDIUM SIZE POT:

1 CUP WHITE FLOUR
¼ CUP SALT
2 TB CREAM OF TARTAR

COMBINE AND ADD:

1 CUP WATER
2 TB FOOD COLORING
2 TB VEGETABLE OIL

COOK OVER MEDIUM HEAT AND STIR 3-5 MINUTES. IT WILL LOOK LIKE A GLOBBY, LUMPY MESS AND YOU'LL THINK IT IS NOT TURNING OUT... BUT IT WILL. WHEN IT COMES TOGETHER AND FORMS A BALL IN THE CENTER OF THE POT, TURN IT OUT AND KNEAD ON A LIGHTLY FLOURED SURFACE. STORE IN AN AIRTIGHT CONTAINER OR PLASTIC BAG. HAVE FUN!!!

A GOOD TIME TO OFFER YOUR CHILD PLAYDOUGH IS WHEN YOU ARE WORKING IN THE KITCHEN. THEY CAN SIT AT THE TABLE OR HIGH CHAIR AND WORK ALONG WITH YOU. GOOD, FUN PLAY DOUGH TOOLS ARE:

ROLLING PINS, BLUNT SCISSORS, COOKIE CUTTERS, BUTTER KNIFE, GARLIC PRESS, STRAWS, POPSICLE STICKS, SMALL BOWLS, PLATES AND CUPS, SMALL PIE TINS, LIDS - WHATEVER YOU HAVE IN THE HOUSE THAT SEEMS LIKE IT WOULD WORK WELL WITH PLAYDOUGH!