

Yarn Doll

Since not everyone will have corn husks at home, we are offering a modified version of the corn husk doll craft. Similar to the corn husk doll, the yarn doll has a long history in America. Believed to have been started in the colonial period the yarn doll is a simple craft for children to make. Same as with the Corn Husk Dolls, we ask that you imagine what kinds of materials enslaved children may have been able to access to make toys from. Though they may have not had yarn, they may have had access to fabric scraps or other textile materials. Much like the corn husk dolls, the yarn doll is a toy that many children have made throughout history, so as you make your own yarn doll remember to think of the many children who would have made this craft as well.

Supplies Needed; Yarn, scissors, and a book (or any firm item to wrap the yarn around).

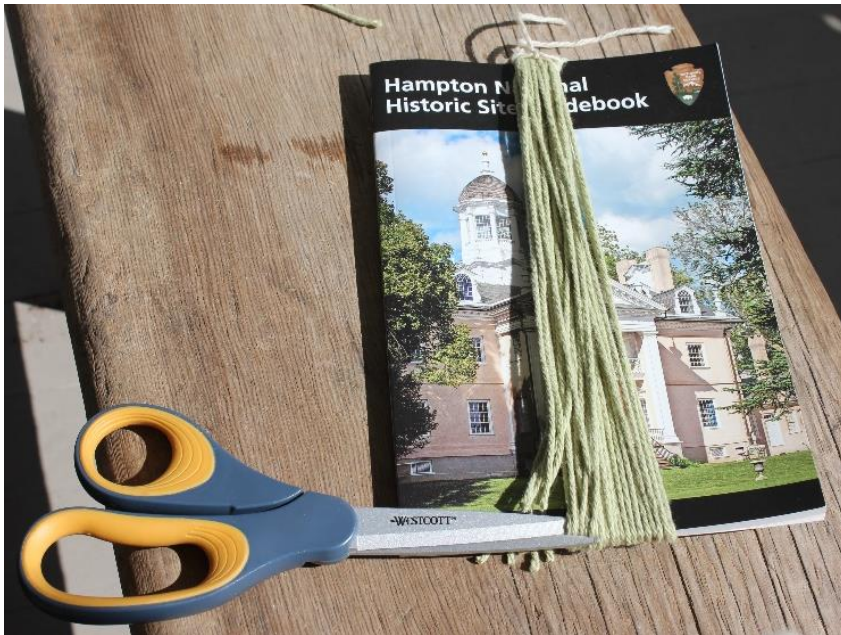


Step 1



Wrap the yarn around the length of your book 25-30 times.

Step 2



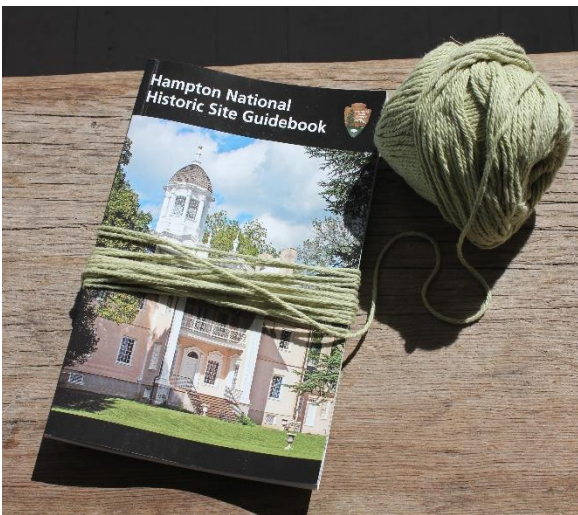
Tie the pieces together at one end. On the opposite side cut the ends loose.

Step 3



Tie a piece of yarn an inch down to form the dolls head.

Step 4



Repeat step one using the width, or shorter side of the book, this time wrap the yarn around 15-20 times.

Step 5



Once the yarn is wound around the book, tie it off on one end, and cut the opposite end as you did in step two.

Step 6



Split the loose yarn on the doll in half and place the 'arms' between these halves of loose yarn. Tie off the yarn below the arms to secure the arms and make the body of the doll.

Step 7



Next trim the arms down to the desired length, and tie a piece of yarn near the end of the arms to make 'hands'

If you would like your doll to be wearing a dress, congratulations you are done! If you would like your doll to be wearing pants continue onto the next step.

Step 8



Split the loose yarn in two even halves and tie a piece of yarn near the bottom of each end, to make legs

Good Job, your doll is done