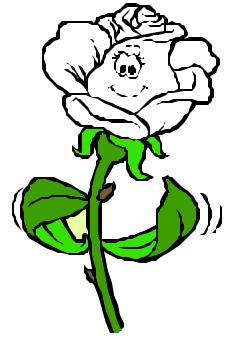


Making Corn Husk Flowers



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What You Need:

- Field or Indian Corn with Husks Attached
- Knife (Have your parent use this)
- Scissors
- Boiling or Hot Water to Steam Husks
- **Optional Darning or Tapestry needle

1. Gather field corn from the fields or Indian corn from a store.
2. Try to choose corn that has 2 to 3 inches of a stem.
3. Pull back the husks, exposing the entire ear.
4. Using a knife or cleaver, cut away all but the last ½ inch of the ear, leaving approximately 3 rows of kernels, which will be used for the center of the flower.
5. Returning the husks to their original position, cut each of them with the scissors to resemble petals.
6. With water boiling in a kettle, work over it shaping each petal with your hands. The steam makes the petals very pliable. The longer the husks are, the larger the flowers will be.

***A variation is to use a darning or tapestry needle to shred each petal and form a chrysanthemum-like flower. No two flowers will be alike.



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