

Making an orange shirt faceless paper doll.

Kainaipookai liko'tootamaapsii is the Blackfoot word that translates to "all children are important"

Materials needed:

Paper doll template on cardstock (provided)
Orange felt or cloth
Cotton print
Yarn for hair (your choice of color)
Glue (we used Elmer's clear glue and glue sticks)
Sharpies or/ or pencil crayons for moccasins
Imagination

Directions:

1. Trace a t-shirt on the orange felt for the front and back of your doll
2. Using your cloth or paper (found around your home) trace a front and back for the skirt or pants
3. Fit the clothes to the doll using glue
4. Make a front piece and back for the hair of your doll using felt, yarn or embroidery thread
5. Glue to the front and back of your doll.
6. Draw a design with the sharpies or pencil crayons

--We also used felt for hair, which you can do as well.

--Printed paper was also used for the clothes. You can recycle flyer ads, paper bags, or cloth you have around the house.

-- We chose to dress our dolls in ribbon dresses and shirts. You can make other designs for your dolls.





The Legend of the No Face Doll

Till this day, the Haudenosaunee people do not put faces on their corn husk dolls.

The Haudenosaunee people respect what they call the sustainers of life, the Three Sisters – Corn, Beans and Squash. The Corn Spirit was so thrilled to be one of the sustainers of life that she asked the Great Spirit if there was anything more that she could do for her people. The Great Spirit told her that a doll could be formed from her husk. So she made the doll from her husk and gave the doll a beautiful face. Then, the doll went from village to village and played with the children.

Everywhere she went everyone kept telling her how beautiful she was. So, it wasn't long before she became conceited. The Great Spirit called to her. But, before she went into the Great Spirit's lodge she looked into a pool of water to admire herself. The Great Spirit talked to her and told her that if she kept thinking that she was better than everyone else a terrible punishment would come upon her, but he wouldn't tell her what it would be. So, again the doll went from village to village playing with the children and again everyone kept telling her how beautiful she was.

It wasn't long before she became conceited again. The Great Spirit called her and once again she looked into the pool of water to admire herself before going into the lodge. Upon entering, the Great Spirit said to her: "I have given you one warning, now a great punishment will come upon you." But he still wouldn't tell her what it was. When she left the lodge, she again looked into the pool of water to admire herself, but this time she didn't have a face. The Great Spirit had taken it away.

Since that time, the Haudenosaunee people do not put a face on their corn husk dolls. This is to remind people, never to think that they are better than anyone else or a great punishment will fall upon them. <https://www.oneidaindiannation.com/the-legend-of-the-no-face-doll/>

Missing, Murdered Indigenous Women and girls (information site)

https://www.nwac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/2012_Building_on_the_Legacy_of_NWAC_Faceless_Doll_Project.pdf

Amish Faceless Dolls

<https://www.thevintagenews.com/2018/03/16/amish-faceless-dolls/Faceless Amish Dolls>

Unidentified Blackfoot girl with faceless doll
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