## CORN HUSK DOLL ORIGINS



- Corn husk dolls have been made by Northeastern Native Americans (especially the Penobscot, Oneida and Iroquois tribes) probably since the beginnings of corn agriculture more than a thousand years ago.
- Brittle dried cornhusks become soft if soaked in water and produce finished dolls sturdy enough for children's toys and doll collectors.





- Corn husk dolls were sometimes used during healing ceremonies or to ward off evil dream spirits.
- Many thought these dolls were magical charms that helped protect the home, livestock, crops, and overall health.



## MORE USES FOR CORN HUSKS



Wrapped Tamales



**Tinder for Starting Fires** 



**Steamed Fish** 



## **Corn Husk Angels**



**Corn Husk Flowers** 



**Corn Wreaths** 

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