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## Seminole Dolls

Seminole dolls are a popular craft made by the Seminole tribe. They portray traditional clothing and hairstyles worn by Seminole men and women. They typically have cotton "patchwork" cloth wrapped around palmetto fiber bodies. Create your own using materials at home!



### Gather materials:

- Cardboard Roll
- Colored Craft Tissue Paper (including brown)
- Black Construction Paper
- Facial Tissue Paper
- Ribbon
- Glue (hot glue works best)
- Stapler
- Markers / Whiteout
- Scissors
- Googly eyes (optional)



Cut a piece of brown tissue paper into a medium-sized square.

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Crumple a facial tissue into a ball and wrap it with the brown tissue paper. This will be your doll's face.

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Stick the face at the top of your toilet roll.

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Pinch your toilet roll closed to hold the ball tightly, and staple several times to secure it in place. This will make the body of your doll.

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Cut 2 pieces of colored tissue paper in two different colors. They should be about 4 inches wide, and long enough to wrap around your cardboard roll.



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Cut some pieces of ribbon the same length as your tissue paper.

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Glue your ribbon onto one of the colored tissue papers so that it is an inch from the bottom. Do the same to the second piece of tissue paper. It can be solid-colored ribbon, ribbon with different patterns, or you can add wavy ribbon if you have it for a more authentic look!

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Choose one piece of the colored tissue papers to be your skirt, and wrap it around the middle of your toilet roll. Secure it with glue or hot glue. If the skirt is too big, you can cut off any excess before gluing or overlap the skirt on itself.

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Use the second piece of colored tissue paper for the top, and wrap it around the neck of your doll. Secure it with glue or hot glue. Cut off any excess or overlap.

**PRO-TIP:**  
If you have thinner ribbon, you can add more strips to fill up your tissue paper.



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Create a face on your doll using markers and whiteout for the eyes. Or use googly eyes if you have them.

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Create a hat for your doll by cutting a seashell shaped bonnet.

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Attach your hat with glue to the back of the head of your doll.

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Your Seminole doll is now complete!

