

How to make a simple corn dollie

You will need:

- 4 stems of wheat
- sewing thread / crochet cotton / string
- scissors
- bottle to soak dry stems

For decoration:
Ribbon



1. If the wheat is not freshly picked, soak it to make the stems flexible. I use a squash bottle to do this in so that the ears do not get wet. Soak for two or three hours or overnight

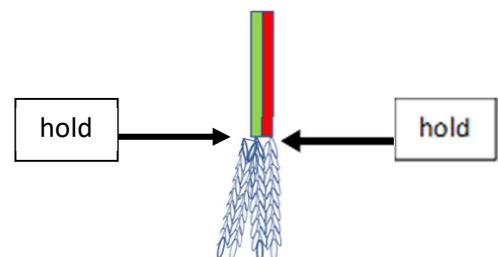


2. Gather 4 stems of wheat together and wrap the sewing thread / crochet cotton / string round the base of the ears a couple of times and tie tightly. Leave the ends approx. 10cm (4 inches) long

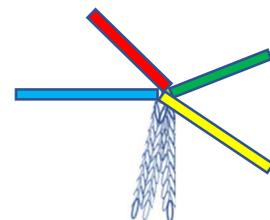


Coloured diagrams are used for the weaving instructions

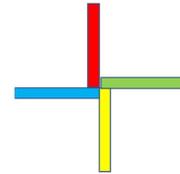
3. Hold the wheat between your thumb and fore finger where it has been tied and with the ears pointing downwards



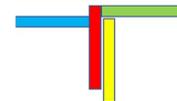
4. Pull the stems down so that they are horizontal to the ears and pointing to the 4 points of the compass



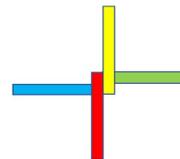
Same viewed from above



5. Now move the top stem to lie beside the bottom stem



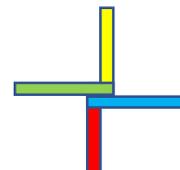
6. Move the bottom stem to take the place of the top stem



7. Move the right-hand stem to lie beside the left-hand stem



8. Move the left-hand stem to take the place of the right-hand stem



This is how the weave will look



If one of the stems breaks or it is too short, you can add another piece to it

Cut the ear off another stem and cut the end at an angle.

Squash that end until it is narrowed



Push it firmly inside the stem which you want to be longer and continue weaving



9. Repeat the weave the until it is long enough to fold into a loop the size you want



10. Hold it into a loop and use the ends of thread / crochet cotton / string to tie the stems tightly to the base of the ears



11. Leave it to dry and add a ribbon bow