

# Art Artifact: Paddle Doll

Paddle dolls were popular in Egypt. They were not often used as toys but as company for the dead. These funny dolls were buried in the tombs of pharaohs and other important people to serve their masters in the afterlife.

Paddle dolls were made of wood and had hair made of clay beads attached to twine. They were painted to look like servants such as bakers, farmers, and peasants.

The dolls had paddles instead of feet so that they could not run away.

Use your creativity to create a real paddle doll. You may wish to use cardboard, heavy paper, wood, or poster board to make the doll. Then decorate your doll with macaroni, yarn, cloth, markers, paint, beads, etc.

