

Sweet Potato Person

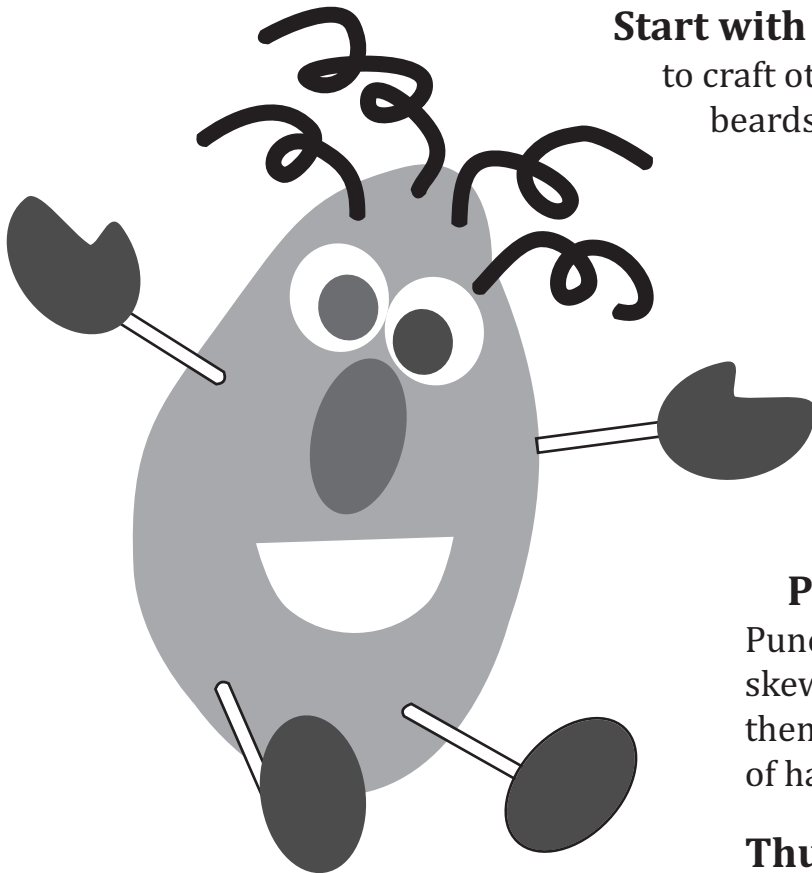
The first Mr. Potato Head toy doll kits were sold only with plastic “body” parts that were to be attached to real vegetables or fruits. You can make your own, too—with a sweet potato, North Carolina’s official state vegetable!

Suggested Supplies: sweet potato, toothpicks, bamboo skewers, foam pieces or construction paper, pipe cleaners, thumbtacks, scissors, tape, markers



This Mr. Potato Head doll, from the museum collection, is a later example—its head is also plastic.

Start with these ideas, but use your creativity to craft other body parts, like moustaches and beards, even eyeglasses and hats, and more!



Toothpick arms and legs

Cut foam pieces or construction paper into hands and feet, then tape them to toothpicks. Insert the toothpicks into your sweet potato.

Pipe-cleaner hair

Punch holes in the potato with a bamboo skewer, then insert pipe cleaners. Bend them as you desire to create a wispy head of hair!

Thumbtack eyes

Poke thumbtacks through pieces of round foam or construction paper, then attach them to your potato.

Thumbtack nose and mouth

Cut foam or construction paper into the shapes you want for a nose and mouth, then tape thumbtacks to the backs and attach them to your potato.

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