



CORN

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Corn is used for food all over the world. Cornbread, tortillas, and popcorn all come from corn plants. People and animals eat corn.

Corn plants have shallow roots. Corn plants need lots of water to grow. The United States grows most of the corn in the world.

Native Americans grew corn. They called it maize.



CORNY FAST FACTS!

There is one silk for every kernel that grows in an ear of corn.

The number of kernels per year can vary from 500 to about 1,200, but a typical ear would have 800 kernels in 16 rows.



Corn is grown on every continent except Antarctica.

One acre of corn is about the size of a football field.



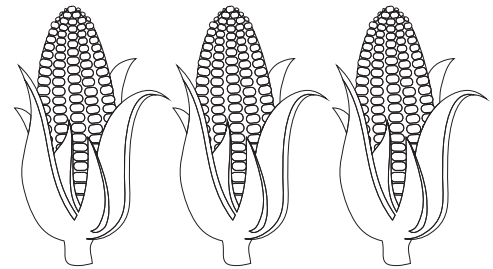
A bushel of corn is 56 pounds, about the weight of a large bag of dog food.

A bushel of corn can sweeten about 400 cans of soda pop.



COLOR THE CORN

Corn can be produced in a variety of colors including black, blue-gray, purple, green, red, and white. Color the corn in different colors.



ASK AN ADULT FOR HELP

HANDPRINT CORN ON THE COB

MATERIALS:

- Green & white construction paper
- Yellow paint
- Glue
- Scissors

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Place hand on white construction paper, trace and cut out an outline of your hand.
2. Cut out husk-like shapes from green construction paper.
3. Paint the cutout of hand with small yellow dots to look like corn kernels.
4. Place green corn husk cutouts on top of the painted cutout and glue together all the pieces to create a corn on the cob.

CONFETTI CORN

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INGREDIENTS:

- 1 bag freshly popped popcorn; divided into 8 cups
- 4 ounces white chocolate, melted
- Variety of candy sprinkles

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place popcorn on a large baking sheet. Remove any unpopped kernels. Drizzle with melted white chocolate and melted dark chocolate.
2. Scatter sprinkles over top. Let stand until chocolate is set.
3. Break into clusters if needed. Store in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.