

# Talking Points: The Craft of Worry Dolls

A collection of sources and imagery to explore the tradition of Guatemalan Worry Dolls.

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## Guatemalan Worry Dolls

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## Questions to Ask Children

When Guatemalan people make Worry Dolls, in what ways are the dolls the same and in what ways are the dolls different from each other?

What is the purpose of the dolls?

How do the dolls reflect the culture of where they are made?

Do Guatemalan people make Worry Dolls for

themselves or for others, or both?

Do artists make the dolls, or do you think anyone can make the dolls?

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