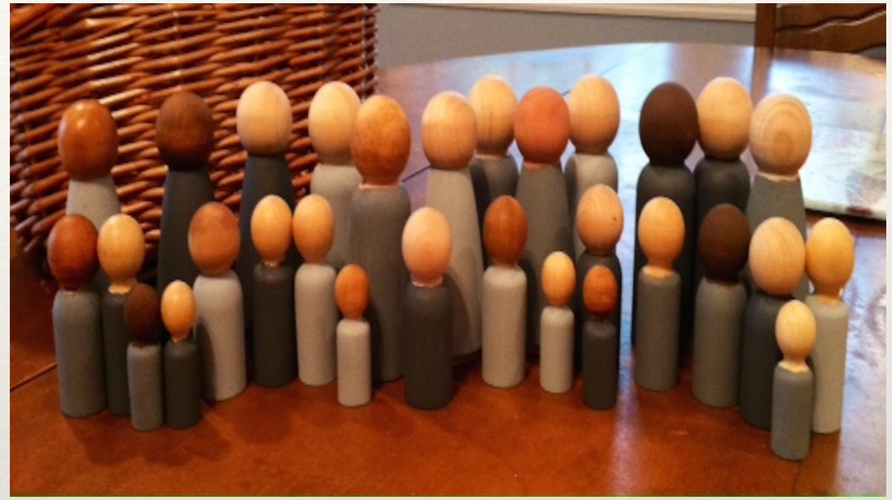
Making People Figures
for Faith & Play Stories

- *What materials-making methods support how stories represent the diversity of Friends in our worldwide family?*
- *Resources and ideas for making "Quaker folk" for stories*





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"Wooden peg people are typically milled from birch or maple hardwoods.These dense woods provide a smooth finish, resist splintering, and hold paint well. Less common premium woods like Cherry or specialty exotics are sometimes used by woodturners, but standard crafting pegs are almost always Birch or Maple."



Craftparts

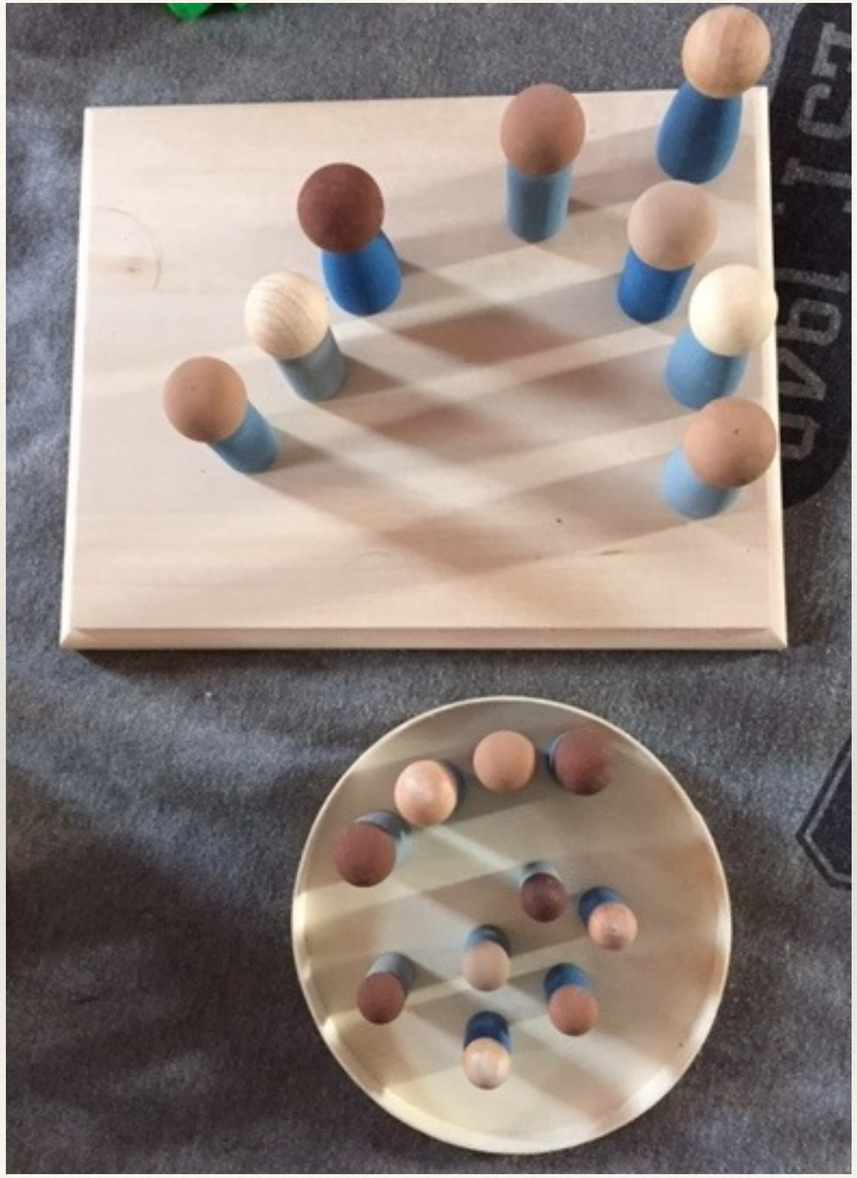
- www.craftparts.com



woodpeckers

- woodpeckerscrafts.com





Painting People Figures

- Choices about whether to paint bodies/ clothes gray or colors. You may need some of both for different stories.
- **ALL people figures heads should be painted to show various skin colors.**
  *****Painting only the BIPOC people suggests the idea of white being the "normal" color.**
- *Be sure to use non-toxic paint!*
- No hair or facial features are needed.
- Optional: painting a red dot on figure's chest to represent the Light within.

Other choices for peg people



- www.kiwico.com
  $5.95 (set of 12)



- Etsy is another option

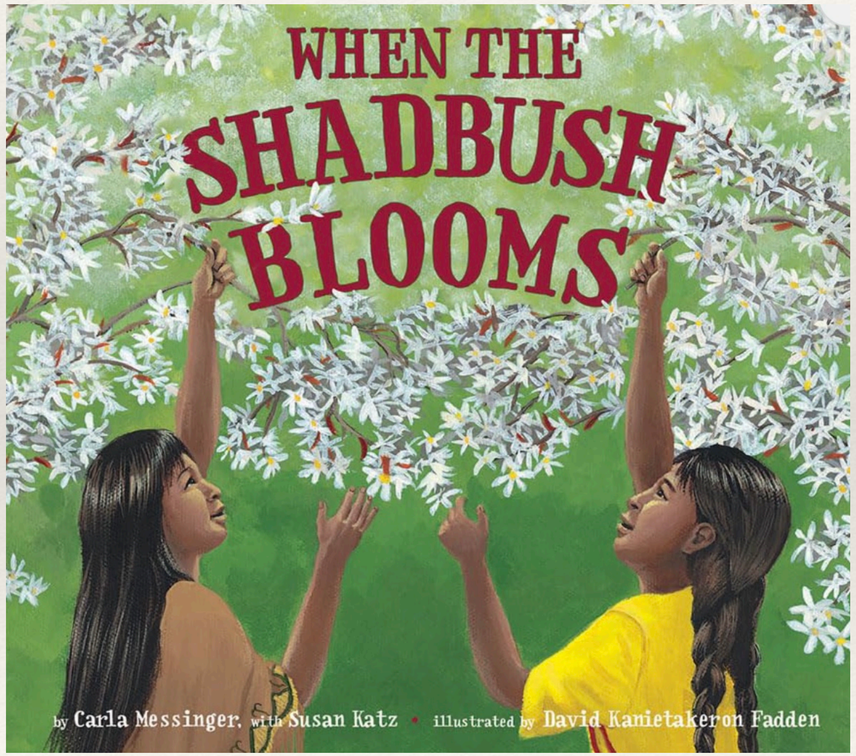


(Why didn’t we think of this sooner?!)



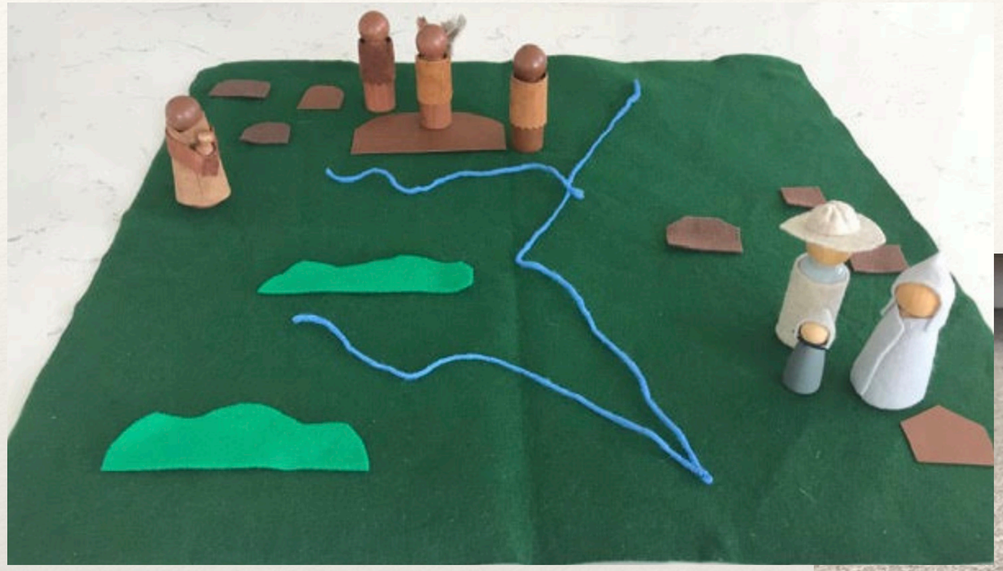


Lenape People Representation



- Representation should not diminish contemporary people of historic group.
- Would Lenape children today be able to see themselves in the story?
- Feathers are sacred for the Lenape people, and would not have been worn every day.
- Suede on bottom denotes historic representation of an indigenous person.

Examples of materials for “Woolman and the Lenape Visit at Wyalusing”







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