



# MAKE YOUR OWN MATRIOSHKA NESTING DOLLS

Matrioshka dolls are a popular folk art in Russia and the Germans from Russia fell in love with the dolls. Matrioshka was once a popular girl's name. "Mater" is the Latin root of the name and it means mother. The Matrioshka became associated with the mother figure and her large family, which is nested inside her. Favorite Matrioshka colors are red, yellow, green, and black.

## YOU WILL NEED:

- 12x18" heavy drawing paper
- Colored markers/crayons/pencils
- Toilet paper tubes, paper towel tubes, pill bottles, or other cylinders
- Scissors
- Glue
- Matrioshka template on the following page

## DIRECTIONS:

- Cut out the Matrioshka forms on the next page
- Fold the drawing paper in half
- Place the head of the doll on the fold of the paper and trace it so you have a front and back of the Matrioshka doll
- Cut out the Matrioshka
- Draw a face and decorate the doll
- Wrap the doll around the tubes or cylinders you found that nest inside each other
- Nest the dolls inside each other



