Indigenous communities are groups of people who were the first to live in a place. Mexico has multiple indigenous communities living all over the country. Some of them are famous for making a certain type of rag doll (which they call *muñecas de trapo* in Spanish) called “Marias.” They are called “Marias” because Maria is a common Spanish name as well as an important religious figure for many Mexicans.

“Marias” are made by hand from old clothing and fabrics and are traditionally modeled after someone’s mother, grandmother, or friend. Today, they are often sold as souvenirs for tourists visiting indigenous communities in Mexico. “Marias” have become a national icon, meaning that they have come to represent the country of Mexico. This “Maria” has the colors of the Mexican flag (green, red, and white) in her hair.