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Letter from the Editor

Turkey Lovers,

You are certainly going to be thankful for this collection of Thanksgiving crafts. They'll keep you busy, happy, and reflective throughout the autumn months. Each project provides an opportunity to discuss the meaning of the holiday and for what you're grateful. Not only will your family's tummies be full of turkey, but their minds will be full of knowledge thanks to this collection.

Stuff yourself silly with creativity as you turn seemingly unrelated materials into something great. When you're finished with this guide to gratitude, your home will be amply filled with turkeys, corn, and precious pilgrims.

Welcome fall with appropriately-colored crafts that turn your home into a rustic abode. You'll love the family time that inherently accompanies these fun crafts. From the littlest crafters to the oldest members of the family, everyone will want to get in on the artsy Thanksgiving fun.

Homemade decorations allow you to save up for an enormous turkey, making your Thanksgiving the best ever. Don't worry about reaching into the piggy bank for these projects because they're all thrifty.

So go ahead and invite guests over because you'll be proud to show off your Thanksgiving décor.

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Happy crafting!

Jaclyn, Editor of AllFreeKidsCrafts

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A'maize'ing Candy Corn Favors

By: Lucy from Craftberry Bush

As soon as the first autumn leaf falls, grab a bag of candy corn; these party favors are great for the whole season. The <u>A'maize'ing Candy Corn Favors</u> are easy and budget-friendly fall crafts for kids to make, especially if you're in need of some new Thanksgiving ideas. Bring these A'maize'ing Candy Corn Favors to Thanksgiving dinner and everyone will be thankful they have such a crafty relative.



Materials:

- Empty paper towel roll
- Green paint, 2 shades
- Scissors
- Candy corn

- Plastic wrap
- Raffia
- Clear tape

Instructions:

1.) Paint paper towel roll with two different shades of green.



2.) Cut paper towel roll in half.



3.) Cut a tear-shape opening in the middle.



4.) Paint a bit of the inside.



5.) Stand up the candy corn on a piece of plastic wrap, or you can just place them as you wish. I decided to stand them up so the yellow would face out and therefore look more realistic.



6.) Wrap them up tightly and tie with some raffia.



7.) Tie several strands of raffia around the top.



8.) Tape around the bottom of the raffia so they stay close together.



9.) Scallop the top of the paper towel roll and place candy corn bag inside.



10.) Scallop a small piece of paper towel roll, cut in the center and open it up.



11.) Tightly squeeze top of paper towel roll and tie with a piece of raffia.



12.) With a glue gun, glue the smaller piece of paper roll to the other paper roll. This will add volume and hide the raffia.



13.) Once the glue is dry, you're done!



Gimme Five Turkey

By: Jill from Meet the Dubiens

Gimme five high fives for an awesome craft for toddlers, and you'll be almost done with your <u>Gimme Five Turkey</u>. It's an easy, colorful craft for Thanksgiving, and you get to dip your hands in paint! Everyone will be throwing around high fives this November when they see how awesome your art project is. Have so much fun dressing your turkey in handy feathers.



Materials:

- Paper white, brown, orange, red
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly eyes

- Paint red, orange, green, yellow, brown
- Paintbrushes

Instructions:

- 1.) Paint your hand in each of the listed paint colors, and stamp them around your white piece of paper in an open feather shape.
- 2.) Using your brown paper, cut out a body and head and glue them on your turkey.
- 3.) Using your orange paper, cut out some legs and a beak and glue them on your turkey.
- 4.) Using your red paper, cut out wattle and glue it on your turkey.
- 5.) Glue on some googly eyes.

Sweet Paper Plate Pumpkin Pie

By: Leah from Almost Unschoolers

The little ones always want to help bake come November, but sometimes they're just too young to be of assistance. Let them make their own Sweet Paper Plate Pumpkin Pie as one of their projects for Thanksgiving while you're making the real thing. The miniature bakers will get a kick out of painting their plate until it truly resembles pie. It's wonderful to find Thanksgiving activities for kids like this one that make them feel like they're in on the action.



Materials:

- Paper plate
- Paint orange, brown
- Cinnamon (optional)

- Plastic bag
- Hot glue gun

Instructions:

1.) Paint the middle of the plate orange.



2.) Sprinkle cinnamon on the orange paint while it's still wet and swirl it around.



3.) Paint the edge of the plate brown.



4.) Crumple up a recycled plastic bag and place it in the center of the plate as whipped cream. Secure the bag with hot glue, if desired.

Cardboard Tube Pilgrims and Indians

By: Amanda Formaro from Crafts by Amanda

These Thanksgiving crafts for kids will help teach about American Indians and why we give thanks on this holiday. Creating these unique <u>Cardboard Tube Pilgrims and Indians</u> will also help you learn about recycling. Learn how to preserve the environment, while celebrating this holiday with the whole family.



Materials:

- 1 paper towel roll cardboard tube
- Patterns
- 2 small feathers
- 2 pink miniature pom poms
- 1 brown miniature pom poms
- 13-15 yellow miniature pom poms
- 3 red small pom poms
- Acrylic paint: brown, flesh, light brown, white, black and pink

- Black fine tip marker
- Felt: tan, brown, gray, white, black, orange, peach, and green
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- White craft glue
- Paintbrush

Instructions:

1.) First, cut the paper towel roll into three sections, one for each character.

Pilgrim Man

- 1.) Paint the top 1/3 of the cardboard tube with flesh-colored paint. Use brown paint to add on hair around the back and sides of face. Leave enough room to add facial features later. Let dry before continuing.
- 2.) Roll up tube in a piece of brown felt. Trim felt to the height of the roll and be sure you have enough to wrap all the way around it as well, overlapping slightly.
- 3.) Cut the felt strip about 2/3 of the way up for the pilgrim's clothes, leaving the remainder for his hat. Glue the larger brown piece of felt around the tube for his clothes and the smaller section around the top for his hat. Glue seams in the back.

- 4.) Cut out hat brim from brown felt and hat band from black felt using the patterns. Cut out the buckles from black and white felt according to the pattern. Glue the hat brim around the bottom of the hat and the black band above the brim. Glue the buckle (white first, then black) onto the front of the hat on the band.
- 5.) Cut out the pilgrim's collar from the white felt using the pattern. Glue around the neckline on top of the brown felt.
- 6.) Cut out pumpkin and stem from orange and green felt, glue to the front of the pilgrim's body. Cut out 2 hands from peach felt and glue to the front, overlapping the sides of the pumpkin.
- 7.) Use the handle end of a paint brush dipped in white paint to dot on eyes. Do not add black until white is dry. Use a scruffy paint brush or a roughed up cotton swab to add cheeks using pink paint. Be sure to dab off excess pink paint before applying cheeks (dry application). Glue a miniature pink pom pom on for the nose and use fine tip black marker to add the mouth and eyebrows. Dot on blacks of the eyes.

Pilgrim Woman

- 1.) Paint the top 1/3 of the cardboard tube with flesh colored paint. Use light brown paint to add on hair around the back and sides of face. Leave enough room to add facial features later. Let dry before continuing.
- 2.) Roll up tube in a piece of gray felt. Trim felt to 2/3 the height of the roll and be sure you have enough to wrap all the way around it as well, overlapping slightly.
- 3.) Glue the gray felt around the tube for her clothes, seam should be in the back.
- 4.) Cut out the pilgrim woman's collar from the white felt using the pattern. Glue around the neckline on top of the gray felt.
- 5.) Cut a piece of white felt wide enough to cover the top of the tube and hang down about 1" in the back. The shape will resemble a semi-circle, adjust and trim as needed to make her bonnet.
- 6.) Cut out basket from tan felt and 2 hands from peach felt using pattern. Glue basket to the front of the pilgrim woman and glue hands on, overlapping the sides of the basket. Glue 3 small red pom poms to the top of basket for apples.
- 7.) Use the handle end of a paint brush dipped in white paint to dot on eyes. Do not add black until white is dry. Use a scruffy paint brush or a roughed up cotton swab to add cheeks using pink paint. Be sure to dab off excess pink paint before applying cheeks (dry application). Glue a miniature pink pom pom on for the nose and use fine tip black marker to add the mouth, eyebrows and eyelashes. Dot on blacks of the eyes.

Indian

- 1.) Paint the top 1/3 of the cardboard tube with brown paint.
- 2.) Roll up tube in a piece of tan felt. Trim felt to 2/3 the height of the roll and be sure you have enough to wrap all the way around it as well, overlapping slightly. From the remainder of the felt, cut out a thin strip of tan to use as the headband, set aside for a later step.
- 3.) Glue the tan felt around the tube for his clothes, seam should be in the back.
- 4.) Cut a piece of black felt wide enough to cover the top of the tube and long enough to reach the bottom of both sides of the tube. Use hot glue to attach the hair to the top of the tube. Dot a bit of glue at the tops of the sides as well, but not all the way down, just to hold it in place. Cut the hair on both sides into three pieces and braid together. Hot glue the braided ends and glue to the side of the tube.
- 5.) Glue two feathers to the side of the head, then wrap headband around the head, seam in the back and glue in place.
- 6.) Cut out the corn husk and leaf from green felt and 2 hands from brown felt using the pattern. Glue the large green husk to the front of the Indian. Glue on two rows of miniature yellow pom poms for the corn kernels, and then glue the green leaf at the bottom of the kernels, overlapping them slightly. Glue the hands on, overlapping the corn.
- 7.) Use the handle end of a paint brush dipped in white paint to dot on eyes. Do not add black until white is dry. Use a scruffy paint brush or a roughed up cotton swab to add cheeks using pink paint. Be sure to dab off excess pink paint before applying cheeks (dry application). Glue a miniature brown pom pom on for the nose and use fine tip black marker to add the mouth and eyebrows. Dot on blacks of the eyes.

Footprint 'n Feather Turkey

By: Ashley from Life with Moore Babies

Try the <u>Footprint 'N Feather Turkey</u> craft for a twist on something classic. Thanksgiving crafts have been done a million ways, but you've never seen this one before. This painting craft for kids involves painting your feet and using fluffy feathers, and nothing could be more fun. You'll burst out into giggles as mom or dad brushes your ticklish feet, but it will be worth it to create this cute art craft for kids. Don't forget to add lots of colorful feathers so that your footprint turkey isn't bare.



Materials:

- Paint brown
- Assorted feathers
- Craft glue
- Instructions:
- 1.) Paint your child's foot brown.



- Paper orange, white
- Googly eyes

2.) Place your foot on a sheet of white paper, and make a print.





3.) Glue feathers around the footprint, using the heel as the head and the toes as the bottom.



4.) Glue googly eyes and an orange beak on the heel part of the footprint as the turkey's face.



Thanksgiving Thumbprint Indian Corn

By: KJ from Let's Go Fly a Kite

<u>Thanksgiving Thumbprint Indian Corn</u> is a great way for kids to make kids Thanksgiving crafts and decorations for the whole house. Simple thumbprints and cork stamps make a lovely fall-themed pattern that looks just light brightly-colored Indian corn.



Materials:

- White paper
- Paint orange, black, yellow red
- Scissors
- Ribbon

- Burlap
- Glue
- Raffia

instructions:

1.) Dip your thumb in various paint colors and stamp as desired on white paper.





2.) Cut out white paper into cob shapes.

3.) Attach ribbon and burlap to the top of a group of three cobs.



4.) Use raffia to attach corn to the backs of chairs.



Crazy Clothespin Turkey Feathers

By: Tom from Teacher Tom's Blog

Get crazy with preschool kids' crafts! The <u>Crazy Clothespin Turkey Feathers</u> attach to a paper plate to create the wildest turkey around. The kiddos will love making these Thanksgiving crafts for kids and fitting as many feathers on their turkeys as possible. These are great activities for toddlers and preschoolers who are working on their fine motor skills. Gobble up as many feathers as you can before someone else gets them.



Materials:

- Paper plate
- Paper brown, yellow
- Hot glue gun
- Feathers, assorted

- Googly eyes
- Craft glue
- Scissors

Instructions:

- 1.) Hot glue feathers onto clothespins. Use one feather per clothespin.
- 2.) Cut a turkey head out of the brown paper.
- 3.) Cut a triangle out of the yellow paper for the turkey's beak.
- 4.) Glue the turkey's head onto the center of the plate.
- 5.) Glue the yellow beak and googly eyes onto the turkey's head.
- 6.) Attach the clothespins to the plate in desired order.

Splatter Paint Thankful Turkey Box

By: Rachel from I Heart Crafty Things

Life doesn't get any more fun than splatter painting. Paint a picture of thanks this Turkey Day with the <u>Splatter Paint Thankful Turkey Box</u>. It's an amazingly fun craft which makes for meaningful Thanksgiving activities for kids. Drop your thankful cards into the tissue box each day and see how many you have by Thanksgiving. You can most definitely continue this thankful activity all year long. Will you have the most cards in there when the counting day comes?



Materials:

- Cardstock red, orange, yellow, brown or paint white cardstock
- Googly eyes
- Paint, acrylic red, orange, yellow, brown

- Empty tissue box
- Glue
- Clear packing tape

Instructions:

1.) Paint the tissue box with the brown acrylic paint.



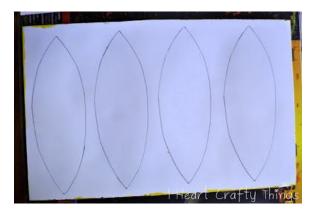
2.) Paint cardstock paper red, orange and yellow or use cardstock of those colors. Then use the same paint to splatter the different paint colors on each sheet of paper. Do this step outside or cover your table with newspaper because it gets messy.



3.) After the paint is completely dry, cut out a bowling ball type of shape from brown cardstock for the turkey head and body and glue it to the tissue box.



4.) Trace a feather shape on the back of the painted cardstock papers and cut out all of the feathers.



5.) Glue them around the back of the tissue paper box and then use packaging tape to secure them at the back.





6.) To finish the turkey, glue on some googly eyes, a beak made out of diamond shape bent in half, and a red wattle.



7.) Place a stack of thankful cards next to your turkey, and every day or every couple of days you and your family members can write what you are thankful for and place it in the box.



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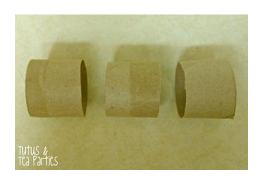
Lovely Leafy Napkin Rings By: Lauren from Tutus and Tea Parties

Make napkin rings as one of your fun Thanksgiving crafts with kids this November. These may be easy kids' crafts, but they result in really cool-looking additions to your table. <u>Lovely Leafy Recycled Napkin Rings</u> are easy on your wallet, and you'll have so much fun making them. Once the toilet paper is gone from the roll, take it and roll with it. Wrap it in yarn, add your favorite petal, and "leaf" it to dry. Voila!



Materials:

- Toilet paper roll
- Scissors
- Yarn scraps in fall colors
- **Instructions:**
- 1.) Cut your toilet paper roll into thirds.



- Hot glue or tacky glue
- Decorative leaves

2.) Cut some scraps of yarn that fit around the toilet paper roll.



3.) Starting at the top edge, glue your string around.





- 4.) Continue on with the remaining yarn pieces. {I used a total of 9 pieces.} You can also use braided strands or thicker yarn. Once finished, you can add a decorative leaf to your napkin rings, or leave them as is.
- 5.) Slide in your napkin and place on a plate!



Clay Pot Pilgrim

By: Amanda Formaro from Crafts by Amanda

The <u>Clay Pot Pilgrim</u> is a simple Thanksgiving craft for kids that packs a big punch. It's absolutely darling and also brings with it hundreds of years of history. These pilgrims make for wonderful centerpieces and household decor.



Materials:

- Pattern
- 2 1/4" terra cotta pot
- 1 1/2" diameter wooden ball
- Felt –white and brown
- Acrylic paint gray, flesh, black and pink
- Thin white ribbon

- Hot glue gun
- Scissors
- Paintbrush
- Black marker
- Scruffy brush or roughed up cotton swab

Instructions:

- 1.) Paint clay pot gray and let dry. Paint a second coat and let dry completely.
- 2.) Paint the wooden ball with flesh colored paint and let dry. Paint a second coat and let dry completely.
- 3.) Using the patterns, cut out hair from brown felt and collar and bonnet from white felt.

- 4.) When paint is dry, spray entire surface of pot with acrylic sealer.
- 5.) Position the collar on top of the inverted clay pot. Hot glue the collar to the pot and use white craft glue to attach the ball to the collar. This will take some time to dry but will adhere much better than hot glue.
- 6.) When the glue has dried, use a scruffy brush or roughed up cotton swab and a small amount of pink paint to add the cheeks. Be sure to dab off excess paint before adding cheeks, use a dry application. Use the black marker to dot on eyes.
- 7.) Position the hair onto the wooden ball so that it frames the face. If you need to, felt stretches if pulled gently. Be careful not to rip it. Once in position, glue in place.
- 8.) Position the bonnet on top of the head, centering it, and tack in place with a dot or two of hot glue. Position the bonnet in place along the sides of the head, and tack down in back and on sides with hot glue gun. Tie ribbon into a small bow. Trim the ends and hot glue to the center of the collar at the point.

Terrific Turkey Hunting Game

By: Ashley from Life with Moore Babies

Ready, aim, fire! Although you won't actually be catching your own turkey to cook on Thanksgiving, you can still have a blast playing the <u>Terrific Turkey Hunting Game</u>. Use old cans for this recycled materials craft to make the turkeys stand up straight when you shoot at them. Make sure that you use all of the colors of the rainbow to make each turkey's tail. You don't want your paper craft to hide in the brush or you'll never find him. This thanksgiving craft for kids is such a blast and great for all ages.



Materials:

- Empty plastic container
- Card stock or construction paper assorted colors
- Hot glue gun
- Googly eyes

Instructions:

1.) Cut out a turkey body that fits your containers and a whole bunch of colored feathers. Glue it all together and add paper noses, wattles, and googly eyes.





2.) Glue the turkeys to the containers.



3.) Set up all of your turkeys in the yard, and shoot them down with Nerf guns.



Nutter Butter Turkey Treats By: Ashley from Life with Moore Babies

One bite of these and you'll go crazy for Nutter Butter Turkey Treats. On Thanksgiving Day when the table is full of turkey and mashed potatoes, satisfy your sweet tooth with this adorable edible kids' craft. You'll be amazed that you can turn Nutter Butters, Oreos, and jelly beans into a Thanksgiving turkey. Thanksgiving crafts for kids like this are great because they give you an opportunity to spend time together with those that you love. Try this food craft for kids today and you'll want to bring it to every Thanksgiving from now on.



Materials:

- Nutter Butters
- Oreos
- Regular size Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
- Icing (we used decorator's icing, but any icing that stays put will work)
- Mini M&Ms
- Jellybeans

Instructions:

1.) Start by placing icing on the back of your peanut butter cup and sticking it to a Nutter Butter. Then, using more icing to hold them in place, stand both the Nutter Butter and peanut butter cup up on an Oreo.



- 2.) Then draw on the faces with icing. It is pretty much just making a fat T with the icing, so you can add eyes, a beak, and a wattle.
- 3.) Add 2 mini M&Ms for eyes, an orange jelly bean for the beak, and a red jelly bean for the wattle. Then squirt icing across the top of the peanut butter cup so you can add jelly beans for feathers. Each of ours had five feathers. We also added two yellow jelly beans at the bottom of the Nutter Butter for feet.

Feathery Recycled Turkeys

By: Vanessa from Silly Eagle Books

With bright, colorful feathers, toilet paper rolls, and more embellishments, you can make these <u>Feathery</u> <u>Recycled Turkeys</u> for Thanksgiving. Make toilet paper roll projects and learn how to conserve. These adorable Thanksgiving kids' crafts will surely be a hit at your Thanksgiving table.



Materials:

- Toilet paper roll
- Feathers brown, assorted
- Construction paper red, orange

- Googly eyes
- Tacky glue or hot glue gun
- Scissors

Instructions:

- 1.) Glue brown feathers onto the toilet paper roll. Use as many as you'd like.
- 2.) Cut a beak and feet from orange construction paper.
- 3.) Cut a wattle from red construction paper.
- 4.) Once feathers are dry, glue the beak, feet, wattle, and googly eyes onto the feather-covered toilet paper tube.
- 5.) Glue assorted feathers on to the back of the toilet paper roll as a tail.

Journey of the Mayflower

By: Danielle from Blissful and Domestic

Learn about the colonization of America with this awesome <u>Journey of the Mayflower</u> craft. You'll have fun making an egg carton Mayflower to sail on a paper plate Atlantic Ocean. Learning is a blast with this Thanksgiving craft for kids.



Materials:

- Egg carton
- Brown paint
- Popsicle stick
- Scissors

- White paper
- Crayons or markers
- Paper plate
- Hot glue gun or tacky glue

Instructions:

- 1.) Paint a single egg carton cup brown.
- 2.) Break one Popsicle stick in half as the mast.
- 3.) Cut a square or sail-shape from white paper, and on it, draw a red cross.
- 4.) Glue the sail onto the Popsicle stick.
- 5.) Glue the mast to the egg carton.
- 6.) Glue the entire boat to the paper plate.
- 7.) Color the paper plate blue, and add some land in green if you'd like!

Feed the Turkey Word Game By: Ashley from Life with Moore Babies

Make sure that the Thanksgiving turkey doesn't go hungry when you play the <u>Feed the Turkey Word Game</u>. This Thanksgiving craft for kids is so much fun to play, and mom will love that you're learning at the same time. Craft with recycled materials by turning a milk carton into a cute turkey with beautiful feathers. See if you can read the words on the homemade corn. If you can, then you get to fill the turkey's belly. This learning activity is a great way to improve your vocabulary and have fun at the same time.



Materials:

- Brown acrylic paint
- Scissors or craft knife
- Construction paper assorted
- Cotton balls
- 2 cups of flour
- 2 cups of water

- Yellow food coloring
- Cooking spray
- Aluminum foil
- Cookie sheet
- Oven
- Sharpie

Instructions:

- 1.) Start with a clean milk jug and paint it brown with acrylic paint.
- 2.) Cut a hole for the mouth, and then cut the top off.



3.) For the beak, cut a slit in the base of the triangle, so it can bend around the mouth.



4.) Using construction paper, add a wattle, beak, and feathers. Stick on googly eyes.



5.) To make the corn, mix 2 cups of water with 2 cups of flour, add in yellow food coloring, and dip the cotton balls in the mixture.

6.) Place the dipped cotton balls in the mixture, and place them on a greased, aluminum-foil-covered cookie sheet.



- 7.) Bake the cotton balls at 300 F for one hour.
- 8.) Once cool, write one sight word per cotton ball in Sharpie.



9.) To play the game, pick a piece of corn out of a bucket and read the word. If you read the word correctly, you get to feed it to the turkey!

Thrifty Thanksgiving Table Boat Race

By: Brittany from One Charming Party

"The Nina is coming up on the Pinta, and the Nina wins!" For an exciting time at the turkey table, look for great Thanksgiving activities for kids like the Thrifty Thanksgiving Table Boat Race. It's made from old juice cartons and balloons, which should make this fun game for children very easy on the wallet. Be sure to discuss how Columbus and his boats are connected to the holiday of Thanksgiving. Thanks is in the air, so put as much in your balloon as you can, and you might win.



Materials:

- One small milk carton or whipped cream carton to make 2 boats
- Exacto knife
- Hole punch or scissors
- Brown spray paint

- One 12" white balloon per child or boat
- Sticker letters
- Blue paper like wrapping paper or butcher paper
- A marker for drawing a map

Instructions:

1.) Take an empty milk carton and cut it in half lengthwise with an Exacto knife. Make sure you cut it through the pinched together part at the top, not the other direction.



- 2.) Wash and dry each half really well. This will make two boats but you might want to make three boats to represent the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. In this case you'll have to have more milk cartons—but you can make as many boats as you'd like.
- 3.) Using a hole punch or scissors, make a hole at the flat end of the boat (look at the picture for reference). Punch more holes around the first or use the scissors to enlarge the hole to the size of a dime.



- 4.) Spray paint each boat brown and let dry.
- 5.) Meanwhile, take your blue wrapping or butcher paper and draw a map of the new world with a black marker for the boats to sail to.
- 6.) Once your boats are dry you can add sticker letters to the sides to name your boats.

Burlap Toilet Roll Turkey

By: Plaid Enterprises

Gobble up this adorable fall craft! The <u>Burlap Toilet Roll Turkey</u> is one of the best easy Thanksgiving crafts because little hands can make it, but it still looks absolutely fabulous. Thanksgiving crafts for kids are always fun, but sometimes they're too messy to be displayed. This Thanksgiving craft, though, will be used as the table centerpiece since it's classy, cute, and put together. Look no further for preschool Thanksgiving crafts that older kids will also love to make.



Materials:

- Mod Podge-CS112973 Super Gloss
- Toilet paper roll
- Burlap
- 2 ½" Paper Mache ball
- 15mm wiggle eyes
- 2-12×12 back polka dot scrapbook paper

- 2-12×12 camping plaid scrapbook paper
- 2-Yellow geometric scrapbook paper
- Scissors
- Hot glue
- Scrap of red tissue paper

Instructions:

1.) Using Mod Podge, apply the burlap to the toilet paper roll and the Paper Mache ball. Allow to dry. Trim off excess. Hot glue the head to the paper roll.

- 2.) Mod Podge the backs of the matching scrapbook papers. When they are dry, apply a coat of Mod Podge to each side and let it dry completely.
- 3.) Cut out the different size feathers as shown. Cut the feet and beak out of the yellow paper.
- 4.) Apply a coat of Mod Podge to the red tissue paper and crinkle to make the wattle.
- 5.) Hot glue the feathers to the back of the turkey, starting with the smallest feathers.
- 6.) Glue the beak, snood, and eyes to the head as shown. Glue the feet to the bottom.



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Adorable Jar Turkey By: I Love to Create

Autumn is full of fun, color, and thanks, but did you know it can be full of recycling too? Make crafts with recycled materials this autumn, and you could end up with something as cute as the <u>Adorable Jar Turkey Thanksgiving Craft</u>. Thanksgiving crafts for kids are great ways to keep busy while Mom is cooking. Deck your home out with Thanksgiving craft ideas to make the most of fall. Use any old jars to make the most precious kids' Thanksgiving crafts out there, and your guests will be thankful that you're so artsy.



Materials:

- Aleene's[®] Max Tacky Adhesive[™]
- Tulip[®] Fashion Glitter[®] Orange Jewel
- Aleene's[®] Tacky Dot Rolls[™]
- Scissors
- Yellow felt
- Wiggle eyes
- Pencil
- Scrapbook or construction paper in fall colors
- Baby food jar(s)

Instructions:

- 1.) Place child's hand on a piece of scrapbook or construction paper. Trace with a pencil and cut out. This will be your template.
- 2.) Trace and cut out multiple handprints with template, alternating paper colors. Note: You will need 3 to 5 per globe.
- 3.) Add a glue dot at the bottom of one handprint. Place another handprint on top but tilted slightly to the right. Continue process to create fanned out handprints that will be turkey feathers. Set aside.
- 4.) Remove label from baby food jar and empty contents.
- 5.) Wash and dry jars.
- 6.) Place lid back on jar and place upside down on a flat surface.
- 7.) Add glue dots to the back of jar. Place fanned out turkey feathers onto the back of the jar and gently press to secure to adhesive dots.
- 8.) Press wiggle eyes onto glue dots on Tacky Dot Roll then peel off and press onto front of jar as shown.
- 9.) Cut a small triangle out of yellow felt and place on jar just below eyes, adhering in place with glue dots.
- 10.) Open jar and pour water inside. Sprinkle glitter inside.
- 11.) Add Max Tacky Glue to the outside rim of the jar and seal with lid. Let dry completely.

Precious Pine Cone Turkey

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With all of the homeless pine cones outside, now is the perfect time to make pine cone kids' crafts. Create a <u>Precious Pine Cone Turkey</u> to be your friend during the holiday season. You'll have a great time cutting out your buddy's feathers and head and helping him become whole. Your pine cone will be so glad you not only found it a home, but also made it into a turkey.



Materials:

- Construction paper
- Pine cone
- Glue

- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Pine cone turkey project template

Instructions:

- 1.) You can choose to color and cut out the shapes from the pine cone turkey template, or use the cut shapes as a pattern to cut your pieces from construction paper.
- 2.) Glue eyes and a beak on the head of the turkey and set aside.
- 3.) Apply glue to the bottom of an individual feather and adhere between the pine cone scales. We used a paint brush to apply the glue.
- 4.) Continue adhering feathers until you have the look you want.
- 5.) Apply glue to the front of the pine cone and adhere the turkey head.
- 6.) Let dry.

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