

Activity Section

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A note to kids and their parents: Many of these crafts involve materials that should only be handled with adult supervision. This includes scissors and especially cooking utensils. Please exercise caution, and make this Thanksgiving a happy and a safe holiday! Each activity has a turkey next to its name. The more turkeys pictured, the more complex the activity (1 is easiest, 4 is hardest).

For the Table

Stuff the Charity Turkey!



Want to emphasize the "giving" in Thanksgiving? Add this turkey centerpiece to your table.

You will need:

Brown, yellow, and orange
construction paper

1 Candy corn

1 Red balloon

2 Googly eyes

Tracing paper

1 Decorative paper plate

1 Empty, clean oatmeal container

Marker

Feathers

Stapler

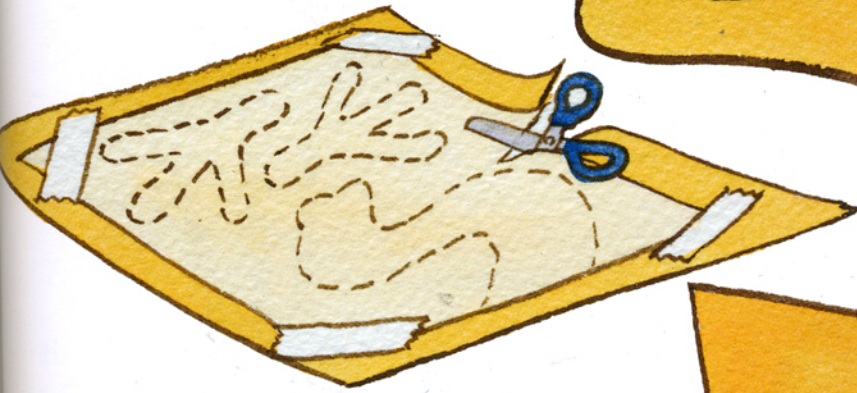
Masking Tape

1. Cover the oatmeal container and lid with the brown construction paper, and glue in place. Cover the two pieces of the container separately so that the lid can still come on and off.

2. Glue feathers to both sides of the plate in a circle so that the tips of the feathers all point to a spot just below the center of the plate. Decorate the oatmeal container with feathers.



- To make the turkey's head and feet, trace the templates at right onto tracing paper.
- Tape the tracing paper to your orange construction paper. Cutting along the lines, cut out the feet and head.



- Assemble the turkey: Have a grown-up staple the bottom of the plate to the back of the container. Then, fold the turkey's neck along the dashed line. Tape the folded portion to the container, and bend the turkey's neck outward. Glue more feathers on the neck and container to cover up the tape.
- To make your candy corn beak, fold the turkey's beak along the solid line. Glue the candy corn bottom onto the folded triangle.
- Tape the feet to the bottom of the container.
- Glue the googly eyes in place. Create the wattle by gluing the red balloon onto the turkey's neck.
- Remove the cover of the oatmeal container. Cut out a quarter-sized rectangular hole in the center of the lid.
- Use a marker to write around the top of the lid, "Help stuff the Turkey! Stuffing will be donated to _____." Fill in the blank with the charity organization of your choice.

