



THANKSGIVING Activity Kit FOR KIDS!



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Supplies List

TP Tube Turkeys

- ☐ Toilet paper tubes - 1 per turkey
- ☐ 2" brown pompom - 1 per turkey
- ☐ Firm brown felt
- ☐ Orange felt
- ☐ Craft feathers
- ☐ Craft eyes

Marshmallow Launchers

- ☐ Paper or plastic cup - 1 per launcher
- ☐ Balloon - 1 per launcher
- ☐ Rubberbands (optional)
- ☐ Mini marshmallows

Native American Paper Bag Dress-ups

- ☐ Paper bag - 1 per child
- ☐ Craft feathers

Coloring Pages

- ☐ Downloaded coloring page PDFs
- ☐ 8.5 x 11 white paper
- ☐ Black and white printer

Newspaper Pilgrim Hats

- ☐ Newspaper - 1 sheet per hat
- ☐ Yellow/gold card stock

General Supplies

- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Elmer's white glue
- ☐ Glue stick
- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Stapler

TP Tube Turkeys

A fun craft for all ages! Kids age 4 and under will need adult assistance, but ages 5 and older will do great with just instructions. These turkeys are fun to play with, but they're also a creative place-card for your Thanksgiving kids' table!

Supplies

- Toilet paper tubes - 1 per turkey
- 2" brown pompom - 1 per turkey
- Firm brown felt
- Orange felt
- Feathers
- Craft eyes
- Scissors
- Elmer's white glue



Instructions

1. Create your "feathers" by drawing a line around the tube, about 1.5" from one end. Next, cut lengthwise down the long side of the tube, stopping your cut at the line you drew. Continue to cut feathers around the tube, about every half-inch.
2. Fold all of the feathers out. Select 2-3 feathers to fold up and across the back of the tube. Glue in place. Cut diagonal lines into each cardboard tube feather, to create a feather-like texture. Color the feathers with crayons or markers, if you'd like!



3. Smear glue around the inside of the tube, and place the brown pompom about halfway into the tube—you want a nice round section of the pom sticking out of the end.
4. Cut a foot shape out of the firm, brown felt. Glue the TP tube to the brown felt foot.

5. Cut a small triangle out of the orange felt, to act as the beak. Glue the beak and the eyes onto the brown pom.



6. Smear glue over the back of the cardboard tube feathers, then glue on the craft feathers.
7. Wait for the glue to dry, and enjoy your TP Tube Turkey!



Native American Paper-bag Dress-ups

The story of Thanksgiving is one of history's best examples of sharing and cooperation. Help your kids explore this story with this simple dress-up craft!

Supplies

- Grocery store style paper bag
 - 1 per child
- Craft feathers
- Scissors
- Stapler

Instructions

1. Remove handles from the bag (if there are any), then cut down the center of one large side on the bag. Once you reach the bag's base, cut around the base to remove it completely from the bag.
2. Once the base is removed, lay the bag flat, and cut off a 2" strip from the bottom, to be used for the headband.



3. On each side panel of the bag, cut a circle large enough for the child's arm and/or shoulder.
4. Make 2" vertical cuts across the entire bottom of the bag, to act as the fringe on the vest.



5. Next, have your child try on the vest. if it's too wide, gather the excess in the back of the vest by folding the paper over, and stapling it in place at the top of the vest. On the front of the vest, simply cut off the excess.



6. Make a small cut above the arm circles, overlap the paper bag to form a shoulder cap, then staple the paper in place.



7. For the headband, take the 2" strip of paper you cut off the bag in step 2, and wrap it around your child's head to measure the best size for their head. Remove the paper, and staple together to form a properly sized band.



8. Attach feathers to the rear of the band by stapling them in place.
9. Play dress up!

Newspaper Pilgrim Hats

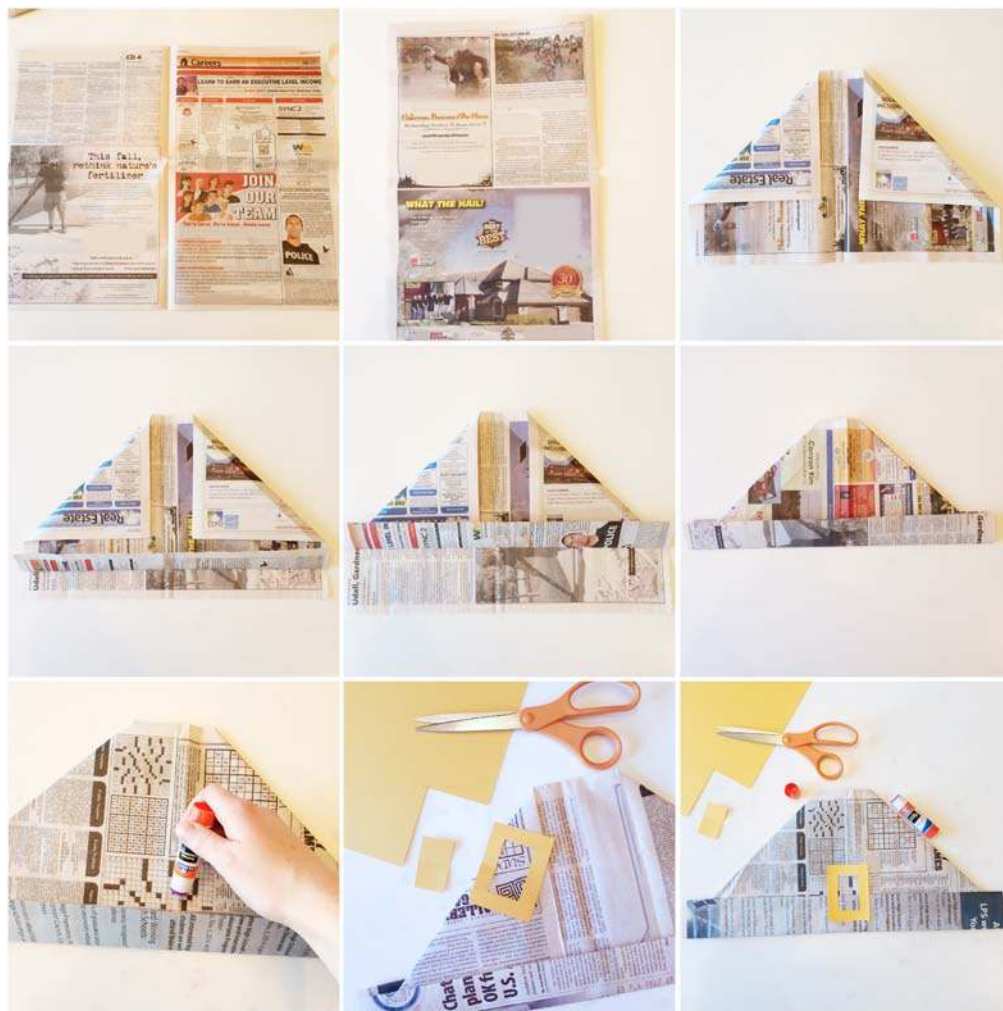
It's not Thanksgiving without Native Americans AND Pilgrims! So here's what you need to make some Pilgrim hats of your own.

Supplies

- Newspaper - 1 sheet per hat
- Yellow/gold card stock
- Scissors
- Glue stick

Instructions

1. Fold the newspaper into a paper hat. Here are the step-by-step photos:



2. Cut out a rectangular “buckle” from the yellow/gold card stock and glue it to one side of the paper hat.
3. Play dress up!



Marshmallow Launchers

Have some leftover marshmallows from that sweet potato casserole? Put them to good use with these easy-to-make marshmallow launchers! Just four easy-to-find supplies create hours of fun! Be forewarned though, you'll probably be finding mini marshmallows around your house for a week or two...

Supplies

- Paper or plastic cup - 1 per launcher
- Balloon - 1 per launcher
- Scissors, Xacto blade or knife
- Rubberbands (optional)
- Marshmallows

Instructions

1. Cut off the base of the cup. I used a single blade of my scissors on a paper cup and it worked great!
2. Tie off the opening of the balloon. *TIP: Leave yourself about an inch of tail; you'll need to have some balloon to hang onto when firing your marshmallows.* Then snip off about a quarter inch of the opposite end (the round end) of the balloon.
3. Stretch the large end of the balloon over the base of the cup. Make it as tight and flat as possible. The knot you tied should be centered in the base of the cup. Depending on your balloon/cup combination, a rubber band may be useful to keep the balloon in place, stretched over the cup.
4. Place one or more marshmallows in the cup, pull down gently on the knot, then let it go and watch the marshmallows fly!



Printable Coloring Pages

Here is a collection of Thanksgiving themed coloring pages. Each image links to the free, downloadable and printable coloring page.



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