

## Thanksgiving Crafts

### Beaded Napkin Rings

**Materials:**

Medium-sized beads

Pipe cleaners Glue

**Directions:**

Cut pipe cleaners about 5" long. Thread the beads onto the pipe cleaner. Place a spot of glue on the ends of the pipe cleaner. Tuck the glued ends of the pipe cleaner into the bead on the other end to form a circle.

### Fall Leaf Wreath

**Materials:**

Fall leaves (real or fake)

Paper plate

White school glue

Scissors

Ribbon

**Directions:**

Cut the middle out from a paper plate, forming about a 2" border. Glue each leaf to the paper plate. Slightly overlap each leaf, with each leaf pointing in the same direction, stems inward. Clip off the stems from each leaf using scissors. Tie a ribbon in a bow, then glue the bow to the wreath.

## Button Turkey

### Materials:

Felt  
6 buttons  
Googly eyes  
Fabric glue  
Thread



### Directions:

Cut a circle for the turkey body. Cut out 7 feathers, 1 head, 1 beak shape and 1 wattle. Glue head and other features to the body. Sew the buttons to the top edge of the circle. Cut a button-sized slit in the lower edge of each feather. Button each feather to the body.

## Cork Turkeys

### Materials:

Corks  
Pipe cleaners  
Pencil  
Googly eyes  
Foam  
Hot glue



### Directions:

Cut a small, orange triangle and a red teardrop shape from the foam. Glue the shapes to the cork to form the beak and wattle. Glue the googly eyes above the beak. Cut pipe cleaners in half and wrap them around the pencil to create corkscrew-shaped feathers. Glue the feathers to the back of the cork.

## Pompom Turkey

### Materials:

Scissors

1 sheet each, orange, tan, yellow, red and white felt

Hot glue gun

Googly eyes

1 (1") pompom

Brown pipe cleaner

1 (3") pompom



### Directions:

Cut 4 fan shapes from the felt, each one slightly larger than next. Glue felt fans together in a stack, starting with largest piece and ending with smallest. Set aside to dry completely.

Cut a wattle from red felt. Cut a beak from yellow felt. Glue wattle to beak. Assemble turkey head by gluing eyes, beak and wattle to 1" brown pompom. Position turkey head near top of body pom-pom and glue in place. Glue fan to back of body pom-pom.

Cut 2 (2") pieces from pipe cleaner and set aside, then cut remaining length of pipe cleaner in half for a total of two long and two short pieces of pipe cleaner. Working with a long piece, bend at 90 degrees about 1" from end to create middle toe of turkey's foot. Attach short piece to long by wrapping it at its middle around bend in long piece. Ends of short piece become first and third toes. Use scissors to trim toes if necessary. Repeat for other leg.

Glue legs to bottom of body pompom, allowing glue to dry completely before standing turkey up. Spread toes apart to achieve a stable base.

## Thankful Thanksgiving Tablecloth

### Materials:

White tablecloth

Felt tip pens



### Directions:

Put some newspaper on the table to protect from bleeding. Unfold the tablecloth and lay it on the table. Each person takes a turn to write at least one thing he or she is thankful for on the tablecloth. When the tablecloth is finished, put it away until it's time to set the holiday table.

## Autumn Leaf Bowl

### Materials:

Leaf garland

Mod podge

Brush

Balloon

Scissors

Mixing bowl



### Directions:

Begin by snipping the leaves off the strand of garland. Carefully rip the entire plastic stem (and all the veins) off the leaves. Fill up your balloon to size. Place inside a mixing bowl to keep it in place.

Gently apply a thin layer of Mod Podge on top of the balloon, starting in the middle and working your way out. Lay a leaf on top of the wet mod podge and smooth with foam brush. Once it's stuck in place, apply another thin layer of mod podge on top of that leaf. Repeat, covering any empty spaces with smaller leaves.

When you reach about a quarter of the way down the balloon, add 1 or 2 leaves to the bottom of the bowl for extra weight and support. Allow to dry at least an hour. When the mod podge is dry, carefully pop your balloon with a pin at the tied end, slowly letting the air out.

## Dream Catcher

### Materials:

Yarn  
A yogurt or margarine lid  
A few beads  
Scissors  
A few feathers  
String



### Directions:

Punch a little hole in the plastic lid with the scissors and then cut out the inside. You want to leave at least  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the lid. Take the yarn and cut off a length long enough to wind around the ring. Start winding the ring with yarn. When you get to the end tie off the yarn with a knot and clip the end.

To make the web, cut a length of string about 24" long. Start weaving your web, following a five-point star pattern. Make sure you wrap the string around the ring at least once at every point of the star. String a bead in your Dreamcatcher to be the spirit bead. Tie off the string when you have finished the design. Add a loop for hanging.

Cut a length of yarn about 14" long and tie onto the bottom of the catcher leaving two lengths hanging down. String 3 beads on each end and make a knot. To add feathers, just slide them into the bead holes.

## Turkey Ribbon Pin

### Materials:

Brown felt  
Orange felt  
Thin red ribbon  
Googly eyes  
Ribbon in a variety of colors for feathers  
Glue  
Pin



**Directions:**

Cut ribbon into 5" lengths. Form a loop with each one and glue the ends together to create "feathers." Make as many as needed. Cut a turkey body shape from the brown felt. Attach the "feathers" to one side of the body, making sure the feathers will show on the other side. Turn turkey over and glue on googly eyes. Cut a small triangle from the orange felt for the beak and attach below the eyes. Use the red ribbon to form the wattle. Attach pin to the back and let dry.

**Scarecrow Magnet****Materials:**

8 craft sticks  
Craft paint (orange, white, black, red)  
Raffia  
Cardstock  
Hot glue gun / glue  
Elmer's glue  
Magnets

**Directions:**

Use Elmer's glue to glue 7 of the craft sticks to your cardstock. Make sure to cut the backing so that it's no longer or wider than the craft sticks. Let dry. Hot glue a few strands of the raffia onto the remaining craft stick for the scarecrow's hair. Glue the stick across the scarecrow body about half way down. Paint the scarecrow's "hat" and face. Attach magnets to the back.

**Fall Leaf Mason Jar****Materials:**

Mason jar  
Fall leaves (real or fake)  
Mod Podge  
Sponge brush  
Raffia  
Candle



**Directions:**

Dip the brush in the Mod Podge and paint a thin layer on a section of the jar. Place a leaf over the Mod Podge and paint more Mod Podge on top of the leaf in thin layers, making sure to smooth out the edges. Layer more leaves on the top, covering the jar. Once all the leaves are on allow to dry for several hours. Tie a piece of raffia around the neck of the jar. Place a candle in the jar.

**Turkey Note Holder****Materials:**

2 jumbo craft sticks  
Brown acrylic craft paint  
Small wooden clothespin  
Paintbrush  
Small straw hat, cut in half  
Scissors  
Small red foam heart  
Miniature orange foam triangle  
2 yellow foam chick feet  
2 small googly eyes  
White craft glue  
Hot glue gun  
9 feathers in fall colors

**Directions:**

Paint both craft sticks and clothespin with brown paint, set aside to dry. Paint a second coat on the craft sticks, but not the clothespin. Glue feathers in a fan behind one of the craft sticks. Sandwich the second craft stick behind the feathers.

Glue the straw hat half to the top of the craft stick. Glue googly eyes under the hat. Glue red heart upside down for wattle. Glue the orange triangle upside down at the top of the wattle. Glue the yellow duck feet to the bottom of the craft stick, pointing upward. Glue the clothespin to the front of the craft stick, pointing downward.

## Give Thanks Centerpiece

### Materials:

Red and yellow stiff felt  
Tan and maroon felt  
Yellow split peas  
White craft glue  
2 (12") wooden dowels  
Jute twine  
2 slender glass jars  
Egg noodles, or other small dried pasta



### Directions:

Place maroon felt on the work surface. Pipe white craft glue in the shape of the letter "G" toward the top left corner. Place yellow split peas into the glue. Continue down the felt, spelling out the word GIVE, doing one letter at a time so that the glue doesn't start to dry or soak into the felt. Repeat step 1 for the word THANKS on the tan felt. Set aside to dry.

Once the split peas are dry enough that you can handle the felt, trim around the word so that you have an even border all the way around. Place the maroon GIVE strip onto the yellow stiff felt. Position near the top corner, leaving an even border, and glue in place. Trim the sides to match. Repeat step 4 with the THANKS strip on the red stiff felt.

Turn the felt strips over so that the words are facing down. Glue the dowels to the back of the strips, positioning them about four inches from the bottom. From the remaining stiff felt, cut a strip to cover the dowel, making sure it's long enough to go all the way to the top of the strip.

Fill the jars  $\frac{3}{4}$  full of egg noodles. Insert the dowels into the jars, wiggling them into the egg noodles. Make sure the dowels are standing up straight, and then fill the rest of the jar with yellow split peas. Wrap jute twine several times around the rim of the jar and tie into a bow.