



Thanksgiving Craft Ideas for Young Children

Grateful Turkey

[Check out these images of Grateful Turkey crafts.](#) Pick your favorite. Add a feather every day for whatever makes you grateful. You can have one per person or one for the whole family!

Hand Print Turkey

Supplies:

Large paper plate or piece of paper
Black pen or washable marker for tracing
Paint, crayons, markers, colored pencils

Directions:

1. Trace your child's hand or your hand on the paper plate or a piece of paper.
2. Decorate the hand so it looks like a turkey. You can use a different color for each of the four fingers which are the feathers. The palm is the body of the turkey, and the thumb is the head and neck. Draw in eyes, a little beak, and add some feet. See the example.

Variations: Cover your child's hand with different colored finger paint, using a different color for the fingers and then brown for the palm and thumb. Place the hand on the paper. Instant turkey!

You can also use this design for your grateful turkey. Write something for which you are grateful on each finger feather. :)



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Place Cards for the Thanksgiving Meal

Supplies:

3" x 5" or 4" x 6" blank index cards or card stock
Small or large mailing labels
Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils
Thanksgiving/Autumn themed or colored stickers

Directions:

1. Have your child decorate an index card with colors and stickers.
2. Write the name of the guest on a mailing label. You can make this simple or fancy.
3. Place the mailing label in the middle of the card. Textured stickers are applied last.
4. Repeat for everyone at the meal.

Decorating Hint: Choose a color scheme for your place cards so that the color of the guest's name matches the background your child has decorated.

