

Thanksgiving Turkeys

Holiday Craft with Natural Materials

Materials Needed:

- One pine cone (medium to large)
- One autumn leaf
- One sheet of cardstock (brown, orange, gold, or other fall color)
- Glue (hot glue or white glue)

Vocabulary:

- Turkey
- Thanksgiving
- Pine Cone

Instructions:

1. Collect a pine cone and an autumn leaf outside. The pine cone will be the body of the turkey, and the leaf will be the tail, so make sure they are proportional in size. Choose a leaf with bright autumn colors (don't pick a green one off a tree).
2. Cut out the template for the turkey's head. Trace it on cardstock and cut it out.
3. Fold the turkey's head in half. Cut a slit as shown on the template. Unfold the turkey's head and lift up the triangle; this is the turkey's beak.
4. Draw two eyes and a wattle (The skin under the turkey's beak).
5. Set your pine cone on the table. Make sure to set it on whichever side is most stable (so that it won't fall over).
6. Glue the leaf to one end of the pine cone. Use hot glue if available, or white glue or a thumb tack. If you use white glue, be sure to hold the leaf in place until the glue dries!
7. Glue the turkey's head to the other end of the pine cone. Make sure the cardstock makes contact with the pine cone. Hold it in place until the glue dries.