



### **Tin Can Turkey** ©2008 Kaboose, Inc.

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Difficulty: Easy

Age: 6 and up

Parental supervision is recommended

Gobble gobble! This adorable little turkey craft is perfect for filling with wrapped candy. Place him on the table and everyone will comment on just how cute he is!

#### **What you'll need:**

- \* 1 vegetable can
- \* Felt: brown, red, orange, tan, goldenrod, white, black
- \* Scissors
- \* Tail pattern
- \* All other patterns
- \* Scissors
- \* White craft glue
- \* Hot glue gun

#### **How to make it:**

1. Inspect the opening of the vegetable can and be sure there aren't any sharp edges. If there are, use a piece of sandpaper to wear them down. Remove label, wash and dry completely.
2. Lay can on its side on the short end of the sheet of brown felt. Roll up to determine how much felt you will need, trim the end so that you have about an inch overlap at the top, bottom and around the perimeter as well. Glue the brown felt to the can, folding over the excess and gluing to the bottom and inside the lip of the can. Look for the seam, this will be the back of your turkey.
3. Using pattern, cut out the tail from a piece of cardstock, you will need this to glue your felt to as the felt is too flimsy to stand on its own. Using the other patterns, cut out a red waddle, white eyes, black pupils, brown head, black eyebrows, goldenrod beak, tan collar, and orange feet. For tail feathers, cut out 2 red, 2 tan, 1 orange, 1 goldenrod and 1 brown.
4. Glue the collar, straight side lines up with the top of the can, to the front of the turkey (remember, seam is in the back).
5. Glue the red waddle just above the bottom of the collar.
6. Glue the head over the top of the waddle, leaving just the bumps of the waddle showing below the head. The head will be above the lip of the can
7. Glue on the whites of the eyes in the center of the head. Glue on the black pupils to the white.
8. Glue on the goldenrod beak, overlapping the bottom of the eyes slightly.
9. Glue on the eyebrows above the eyes, pointing upward.
10. Glue 2 orange feet to the bottom portion of the can (see photo).
11. Lay the card stock tail template on to the table. Glue a red felt tail feather on top of the far right point. Repeat on the left side with the other red tail feather. Glue a tan feather to the next point on the right, overlapping the first red one. Do this on the left as well, using a goldenrod tail feather.
12. Repeat on the right with an orange feather and on the left with a tan feather. Finally, glue the brown feather to the center point, overlapping feathers on both sides. Be sure there is no card stock peeking through, all should be covered with felt feathers.
13. Hot glue the completed tail to the back of the can. Put some hot glue on the sides of the can and squeeze the tail feathers around the side by gripping the can with your hand.

#### **Tips:**

- \* You can use any colors you like for the feathers; our choices are just festive suggestions.
- \* Save vegetable and other tin cans for fun projects like this one all year long.
- \* Felt is fairly inexpensive, so stock up whenever you can. We buy ours at our local craft supply store for 20 cents per sheet.

# jellybean bloom



Add a creative arrangement of jellybeans to accompany a colorful bouquet of flowers.

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Prep time:** 10 min.

## Ingredients:

- 2 bags STARBURST® Brand Jellybeans
- 1 (6-inch) square or round clear glass vase
- 1 glass container at least 1 inch smaller than the vase
- 2 dozen silk or artificial flowers
- Scissors or flower clippers

## Directions:

1. Place the smaller container inside the larger vase. Fill the open space between the vase and the container with STARBURST® Brand Jellybeans.
2. Trim the stem tips of the flowers and arrange them inside the center container. Plain leaves or flowering branches look great, too.

**Tip: Fresh flowers are also beautiful in this container. Fill the center container 3/4 full of water and then cover tightly with foil before slipping the jellybeans in place. Then simply trim the stems of your fresh flowers and put them in the center container.**

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# treat wreath



What better way to welcome friends than with a wreath full of treats?

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Prep time:** 10 min.

**Decoration time:** 20 min.

## **Ingredients:**

4 cups assorted candies, such as SNICKERS® Brand Miniatures, TWIX® Brand Caramel Cookie Bar Minis, and 3 MUSKETEERS® Minis

Glue gun and glue stick

Assorted silk or paper autumn leaves

1 13-15 in. straw wreath

Double-sided tape

Ribbon

Scissors

## **Directions:**

1. Glue leaves on wreath, covering it completely.
2. Glue or tape an assortment of candies onto the wreath.
3. Tie a ribbon loop to hang the wreath from the window or door.

**Tip: You can buy a decorated wreath from your craft store and just attach an assortment of candies.**

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# Cardboard Tube Pilgrims & Indians

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These cute little Thanksgiving characters are made from a paper towel roll and lots of imagination. They look hard but they are actually easy to make. Put together a harvest family!

## You will need

- 1 paper towel roll cardboard tube
- 2 pink miniature pom poms
- 13-15 yellow miniature pom poms
- black fine tip marker
- scissors
- hot glue gun
- paintbrush
- 2 small feathers
- 1 brown miniature pom poms
- 3 red small pom poms
- acrylic paint: brown, flesh, light brown, white, black and pink
- felt: tan, brown, gray, white, black, orange, peach, and green
- white craft glue
- patterns

## What you do

First, cut the paper towel roll into three sections, one for each character.

### Pilgrim Man

1. Paint the top 1/3 of the cardboard tube with flesh colored paint. Use brown paint to add on hair around the back and sides of face. Leave enough room to add facial features later. Let dry before continuing.
2. Roll up tube in a piece of brown felt. Trim felt to the height of the roll and be sure you have enough to wrap all the way around it as well, overlapping slightly.
3. Cut the felt strip about 2/3 of the way up for the pilgrim's clothes, leaving the remainder for his hat. Glue the larger brown piece of felt around the tube for his clothes and the smaller section around the top for his hat. Glue seams in the back.
4. Cut out hat brim from brown felt and hat band from black felt using the patterns. Cut out the buckles from black and white felt according to the pattern. Glue the hat brim around the bottom of the hat and the black band above the brim. Glue the buckle (white first, then black) onto the front of the hat on the band.
5. Cut out the pilgrim's collar from the white felt using the pattern. Glue around the neckline on top of the brown felt.
6. Cut out pumpkin and stem from orange and green felt, glue to the front of the pilgrim's body. Cut out 2 hands from peach felt and glue to the front, overlapping the sides of the pumpkin.
7. Use the handle end of a paint brush dipped in white paint to dot on eyes. Do not add black until white is dry. Use a scruffy paint brush or a roughed up cotton swab to add cheeks using pink paint. Be sure to dab off excess pink paint before applying cheeks (dry application). Glue a miniature pink pom pom on for the nose and use fine tip black marker to add the mouth and eyebrows. Dot on blacks of the eyes.

### **Pilgrim Woman**

1. Paint the top 1/3 of the cardboard tube with flesh colored paint. Use light brown paint to add on hair around the back and sides of face. Leave enough room to add facial features later. Let dry before continuing.
2. Roll up tube in a piece of gray felt. Trim felt to 2/3 the height of the roll and be sure you have enough to wrap all the way around it as well, overlapping slightly.
3. Glue the gray felt around the tube for her clothes, seam should be in the back.
4. Cut out the pilgrim woman's collar from the white felt using the pattern. Glue around the neckline on top of the gray felt.
5. Cut a piece of white felt wide enough to cover the top of the tube and hang down about 1" in the back. The shape will resemble a semi-circle, adjust and trim as needed to make her bonnet.
6. Cut out basket from tan felt and 2 hands from peach felt using pattern. Glue basket to the front of the pilgrim woman and glue hands on, overlapping the sides of the basket. Glue 3 small red pom poms to the top of basket for apples.
7. Use the handle end of a paint brush dipped in white paint to dot on eyes. Do not add black until white is dry. Use a scruffy paint brush or a roughed up cotton swab to add cheeks using pink paint. Be sure to dab off excess pink paint before applying cheeks (dry application). Glue a miniature pink pom pom on for the nose and use fine tip black marker to add the mouth, eyebrows and eyelashes. Dot on blacks of the eyes.

### **Indian**

1. Paint the top 1/3 of the cardboard tube with brown paint.
2. Roll up tube in a piece of tan felt. Trim felt to 2/3 the height of the roll and be sure you have enough to wrap all the way around it as well, overlapping slightly. From the remainder of the felt, cut out a thin strip of tan to use as the headband, set aside for a later step.
3. Glue the tan felt around the tube for his clothes, seam should be in the back.
4. Cut a piece of black felt wide enough to cover the top of the tube and long enough to reach the bottom of both sides of the tube. Use hot glue to attach the hair to the top of the tube. Dot a bit of glue at the tops of the sides as well, but not all the way down, just to hold it in place. Cut the hair on both sides into three pieces and braid together. Hot glue the braided ends and glue to the side of the tube.
5. Glue two feathers to the side of the head, then wrap headband around the head, seam in the back and glue in place.
6. Cut out the corn husk and leaf from green felt and 2 hands from brown felt using the pattern. Glue the large green husk to the front of the Indian. Glue on two rows of miniature yellow pom poms for the corn kernels, then glue the green leaf at the bottom of the kernels, overlapping them slightly. Glue the hands on, overlapping the corn.
7. Use the handle end of a paint brush dipped in white paint to dot on eyes. Do not add black until white is dry. Use a scruffy paint brush or a roughed up cotton swab to add cheeks using pink paint. Be sure to dab off excess pink paint before applying cheeks (dry application). Glue a miniature brown pom pom on for the nose and use fine tip black marker to add the mouth and eyebrows. Dot on blacks of the eyes.

# Thanksgiving Craft for Kids - Handprint Thanksgiving Wreath

A keepsake Thanksgiving craft that the entire family will enjoy.

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## You'll Need

- construction paper, felt or craft foam in autumn colors
  - poster board
  - scissors
  - glue
  - brown buttons
  - permanent marker
1. Fashion the wreath leaves, by tracing your child's or the entire family's hands on colored paper.
  2. Cut several hands in a variety of colors. If you are using paper or craft foam as opposed to felt, use markers to write messages on the hands, listing reasons to be thankful.
  3. Cut the wreath ring using poster board or cardboard.
  4. Glue the felt or paper hands randomly around the wreath, until the card board is covered.
  5. Attach buttons, or nuts with a glue gun, a job for a grown-up.
  6. Add your ribbon for hanging.



## Straw Hat Turkey

### Materials Needed:

1 Straw Craft Hat  
Yellow, Orange, Red and Brown Felt Sheets  
5 Craft Sticks  
Orange Chenille Stem  
Wiggly Eyes  
Tacky Glue

### How To Make It:

1. Glue 5 craft sticks to the top rim of the straw hat to support your felt feathers.
2. Cut 5 feather shaped pieces out of the colored felt sheets.
3. Cut out wings, yellow beak and a red gobble out of the felt sheets.
3. Glue the back feathers to the craft sticks. Allow the glue to dry.
4. Glue on the wings, eyes, gobble and beak.
5. Twist the chenille stems to make feet for the turkey then glue the tops of the feet to the rim of the straw hat.



# Village People



Decorate the table with paper Pilgrims and Native Americans.

## **CRAFT MATERIALS:**

- Scissors
- Cardboard tissue tubes
- Colored paper
- Fine-tipped markers
- Glue

**Time needed: Under 1 Hour**

1. For each figure, wrap a cardboard tissue tube with a 4- by 6-inch rectangle of colored paper and glue the paper in place.
2. Draw the facial features on a 2- by 3-inch piece of paper with markers. Glue the face onto the tube.
3. For the hair, cut fringe along one side of a small paper rectangle. Roll the hair around a pen to make curls, trim it, and glue it into place.
4. Cut and decorate headbands and feathers for the Native Americans and collars for the Pilgrims.
5. For the Pilgrim girl's bonnet, wrap a 2- by 5-inch paper rectangle around the top of the tube with the ends overlapping and glue at the back.
6. For the Pilgrim boy's hat, cut out a black circle 2 1/2 inches in diameter. Roll and glue a black, 2- by 5-inch paper rectangle into a tube shape. Cut slits along one end, fold in the tabs, and glue them to the center of the paper circle. Add a 1/2-inch band and square buckle and glue the hat to the boy's head.



## Thanksgiving Paper Chain

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### You need:

- Card Stock -- Autumn Colors
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Staplers
- Markers
- Printable Leaves

### Instructions:

Cut strips of card stock. Write one thing you are thankful for on each strip. Make a paper chain using the strips. Cut out printable leaves. Glue onto links to decorate.