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INTERESTING TURKEY FACTS

- Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the official American bird, but the bald eagle was chosen instead.
- The top five most popular ways to serve leftover Thanksgiving turkey are: sandwich, soup or stew, casserole, stir-fry or salad.
- Ninety-five percent of Americans surveyed by the National Turkey Federation eat turkey at Thanksgiving. The average weight of turkeys purchased for Thanksgiving is 15 pounds. That means about 690 million pounds of turkey were consumed in the United States during Thanksgiving in 2002.
- In 2002, about 271 million turkeys were raised. It's estimated that 46 million of those turkeys were eaten at Thanksgiving, 22 million at Christmas and 19 million at Easter.
- Gobble gobble -- but not for all turkeys. Only tom turkeys gobble, while hen turkeys make a clicking noise.

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A. Because he had the drumsticks

Q. What kind of vegetable would you like tonight?
A. Beets me

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A. Just throw in fourteen carrots (carats)

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A. It was the chicken's day off

Q. Why did Johnny get such low grades after Thanksgiving?
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A. He got the stuffing knocked out of him

Q. Why do turkeys always go, "gobble, gobble"?
A. Because they never learned good table manners!

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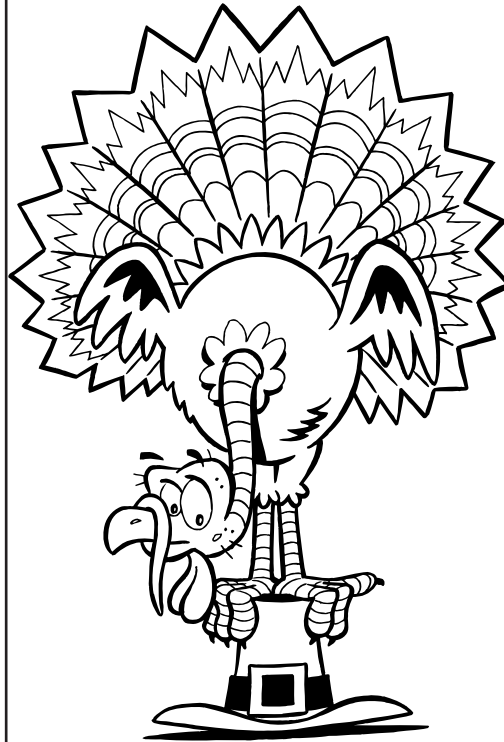
Thanksgiving Quiz

How much do you know about Thanksgiving-related trivia? Test your knowledge by taking the quiz below. Circle the answer you think is correct.

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|---|--|
| 1. In what year did the pilgrims have their first Thanksgiving feast?
a. 1619
b. 1620
c. 1621
d. 1935 | 5. What president wasn't fond of the idea of a national thanksgiving day?
a. Washington
b. Nixon
c. Truman
d. Jefferson |
| 2. What food was most likely NOT part of the first Thanksgiving feast?
a. Potatoes
b. Corn
c. Fish
d. Dried Fruit | 6. Who was credited with leading a crusade for a national thanksgiving day?
a. Sarah Jessica Parker
b. Sarah Lee
c. Sarah Josepha Hale
d. Sarah Ferguson |
| 3. The Cornucopia or "Horn of Plenty" originated from which country?
a. Holland
b. Greece
c. America
d. Turkey | 7. Canada celebrates their national Thanksgiving when?
a. Second Monday in October
b. Second Thursday in November
c. Third Thursday in November
d. First Thursday in May |
| 4. In 1676 thanksgiving was proclaimed to take place in what month?
a. May
b. June
c. October
d. November | |

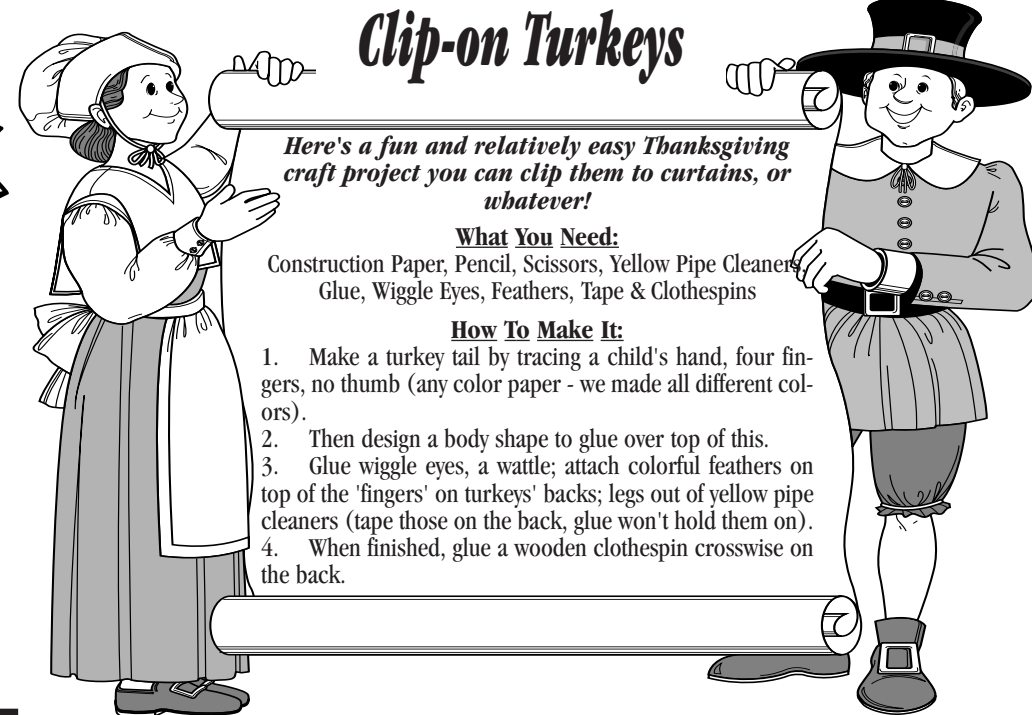
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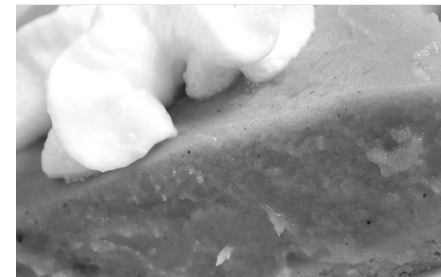
How To Make It:

1. Make a turkey tail by tracing a child's hand, four fingers, no thumb (any color paper - we made all different colors).
2. Then design a body shape to glue over top of this.
3. Glue wiggle eyes, a wattle; attach colorful feathers on top of the 'fingers' on turkeys' backs; legs out of yellow pipe cleaners (tape those on the back, glue won't hold them on).
4. When finished, glue a wooden clothespin crosswise on the back.

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful.
Write down the things you're thankful for on the Turkeys' Tags!



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Answer: A Slice of Pumpkin Pie

Did You Know?

Thanksgiving was celebrated twice in 1815 by James Madison. The day didn't become an official holiday until 1941, when the 4th Thursday of November was declared thanksgiving day.

An estimated 45 million turkeys are eaten year.

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