

## November craft; Block turkey

You will need some children's large wooden blocks. Old blocks make wonderful turkeys. You will also need narrow craft sticks, (popsicle sticks), ice cream cup wooden spoons, (these are also craft sticks) wiggle eyes, paint, Elmer's Glue-All, and wire cutters.

One end of each craft stick will need to be trimmed into a point so several can fit together on the block as shown. Trim the bottom from the wooden spoon so it will sit flat on the table once glued to the block. These trimmings can be made with a wire cutter by scoring the wood and bending it to snap off.

Participants paint the narrow craft sticks, in colors of their choice, to represent the tail feathers. They also paint the wooden spoon red or orange to represent the head of the turkey. Once the paint has dried, the parts can be glued to the block. To effectively use Elmer's Glue-All (more adherent than school glue), apply a thin layer of glue to the block. Spread it to cover the area. Then add a thin layer to the bottom portion of a "feather", spread it to cover this small area and then attach the feather to the block. This is more effective than simply using dabs of glue. A hot glue gun could be used but it is actually more difficult for participants and if a staff member uses the gun than a portion of the activity is lost.

Let the feathers sit a bit before turning the block over and adding the head. A beak can be made from trimmed scraps. Add the wiggle eyes and the turkey is complete. If you have several participants and they are willing to share, placing several turkeys together as a flock is really cute. Perhaps your facility has a ledge somewhere in the foyer, the library, or near a coffee shop. Happy Thanksgiving !