

Thankful Turkey

Virginia ranks fourth nationally in turkey production. 22 million turkeys are grown in the state each year. Most of the turkeys in Virginia are raised in the Shenandoah Valley. Turkeys are grown in large houses holding thousands of birds. Farmers grow white turkeys. The brown ones we generally think of are wild turkeys.

You will need:

red, orange, yellow, and brown finger paint
markers
paper plates (2)
wet wipes (for clean-up)

How to:

1. Squeeze a bit of each color of paint onto one paper plate (keep colors separate).
2. Place index finger in red paint.
3. Make an arch around the middle of the paper plate, forming the top of the turkey's tail.
4. Wipe finger off and place in orange paint.
5. Make a second arch underneath the red.
6. Repeat using the yellow.
7. Use your thumb to make a brown print in the middle for the turkey's head.
8. Use a black marker to add feet, a beak, and eyes.
9. Write things that you are thankful for around the turkey.



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