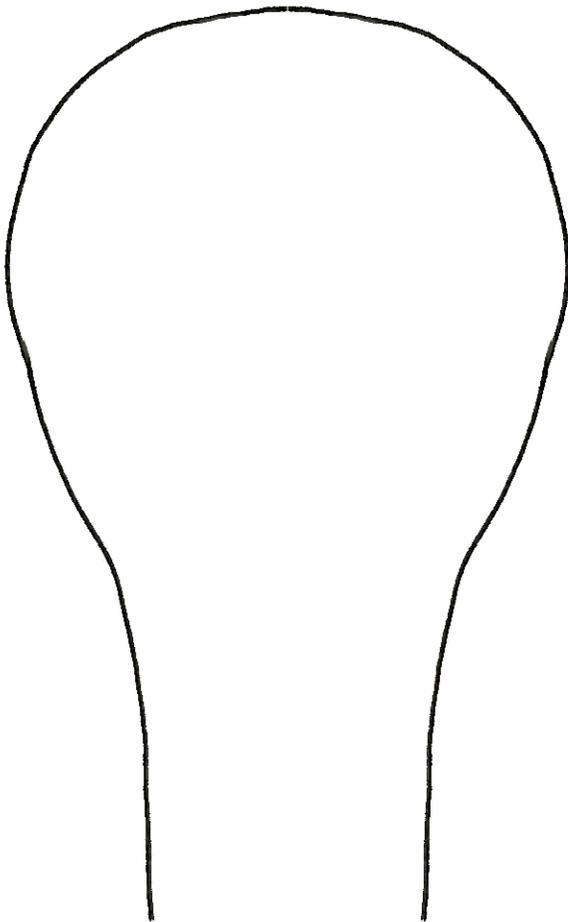
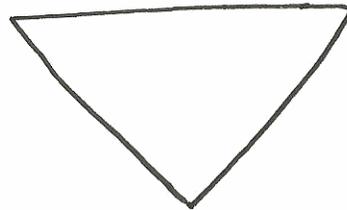


# Thanksgiving Centerpiece

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turkey head  
cut 1



beak  
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## Thanksgiving / Fall Center Piece

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### Materials:

- Construction Paper (brown, orange, yellow, red)
- Cardstock (white)
- Glue Stick
- Squiggle Eyes
- Recycled Soup Can (clean and dry)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Candy (optional)
- Fall/Thanksgiving Center Piece Template (included)

### Directions:

This activity was designed as a project for young children to make for the holidays. It is an activity that can be done in small groups or individually depending on the age of the children and skill level.

1. Print out a copy of the Fall/Thanksgiving Center Piece Template for each child onto white cardstock. White is used so that the children can use their imaginations to color the turkey head themselves.
2. Give each child a piece of yellow, orange, red, and brown construction paper.
3. Instruct each child to color the head, beak, and waddle part of the turkey face (optional, the pieces can be cut out of the construction paper as shown in the sample image). After the face piece is colored, set aside.
4. Lay a brown piece of construction paper flat on the work space. Lay the recycled can on top flat so that you can measure how much brown construction paper you will need to wrap around the can. Use your pencil to mark the lines if needed.
5. Cut the brown construction paper. Using a glue stick, rub the glue along the sides of the can. Affix the construction paper around the can. (Make sure that the edge of the paper is glued real well so it will not come loose).
6. On the yellow, orange, and red construction paper, have each child trace their hand prints. The hand prints will be used for "feathers" of the center piece. Depending on the size of the children's hands, you'll need 4-5 different colored hand prints. Once they handprints have been traced, cut them out.
7. Turn the can with the brown construction paper on it and look for the seam. This is the side where you are going to glue on the hand cut outs. In a fan shape (see photo), glue the hand cut outs.
8. Cut out the turkey head from the template. With your can in front of you (feathers AWAY from you), glue the turkey head on the inside of the can on the side farthest away from you. (see photo).
9. Using scraps from your hand cut outs, cut out a beak and waddle for the turkey face. Glue onto the turkey face where applicable.
10. Glue the squiggle eyes onto the turkey.
11. Let the turkey dry so that all of the glue is completely dry before use.
12. After the turkey is dry, fill the bottom with some holiday tissue paper half way. Fill the remainder with holiday candy. You can fill the whole can with candy if you prefer.