

quilled turkey decorations

Decorate the fun and easy way this Thanksgiving by quilling these colorful gobblers!



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MATERIALS

- Construction or copy paper, several sheets in eight Fall colors
- Brown cardstock
- Wooden craft spoon
- Wiggle eyes, 6mm: two

TOOLS

- Fiskars® paper trimmer and crimper
- Brown acrylic paint
- Craft glue, clear-drying

BASIC SUPPLIES

pencil, scissors, ruler, round wooden toothpicks, paintbrush, spring clothespin or wooden skewer

DIRECTIONS

1 Paint spoon brown. Let dry.

2 Cut $\frac{1}{4}$ " or $\frac{3}{8}$ " wide x 11" long strips for the following: two each in choice of eight fall colors (feathers); four dark or light brown (body). Cut a $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " strip from red (wattle) and two $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " strips from yellow (beak and legs). (*Note: For ease and quickness, use paper trimmer. Crimp strips if desired.*) For feathers, glue two same color strips end to end. Repeat same for body strips.

3 To quill paper strips, place one end of one strip on toothpick. Holding toothpick, begin rolling paper with thumb and forefinger. After a couple of "turns", remove toothpick and continue to roll remainder of strip with fingers. Place rolled strip on flat work surface for approximately 15 seconds to allow tension to release. Pick up rolled strip and unroll almost to end. Roll entire strip again very loosely with fingers; set aside.

Repeat same for each remaining strip. For feathers, apply a dot of glue to end of one rolled paper strip; press onto side forming a 1¼" circle. In same manner, form a 1½" circle for body and a ¾" circle for beak, wattle, and legs.

4 Shape the pieces, using photo as guide. For feathers, use thumb and forefinger to pinch one end of rolled strips forming

teardrop shapes. For beak and legs, pinch three sides of rolled strips to form triangles. For legs, use a toothpick to push into one side of triangle forming feet. For wattle, fold circle in half and quickly release.

5 Refer to photo to assemble the turkey. Glue body to cardstock. Glue feathers around body leaving a slight gap between fourth and fifth feathers. Glue legs to bottom of body. Let dry.

Glue eyes, beak, and wattle to spoon as shown. Use scissors to trim cardstock around feathers, body, and legs. Glue spoon to body as shown.

6 For clip-on name plate or napkin holder, glue clothespin to back of body. To liven up a centerpiece, tall container of candies, or houseplant, glue wooden skewer to back of body.