

Thanksgiving



Harvest Pals

Kids crafts on turkey day, what could be more fun?

Entertain young guest with a creative craft that is easy to make then doubles as a prop for a Thanksgiving Day story or play.

What's Needed:

Wooden Mask (Turkey, Owl & Pumpkin)- Creatology/Michaels

Lt Brown, Pumpkin and Blue Acrylic Paint

Fabric Markers- Tulip

Assorted Ribbons (3 colors/1 YD each)

Adhesive Gems (assorted shapes & sizes)

8" Scissors- Fiskars

2" Flat Paint Brush

Paper Towel

Brown Paper Bag

Aluminum Foil

Note: We used the fabric markers in our studio. Regular markers can also be used, transparent colours work best.

How To Make It:



Blu Arlan loves working with wooded shapes. We find prepping the wood prior to crafting with children a must to keep the mess down and children engaged. This is especially true when working with a group of children who vary in age. Ensure success for all by prepping the wooden pieces yourself.



Step 1

To paint the wood, set up a painting area on a hard work surface. Use a piece of aluminum foil as a mixing palette for the paint. Place a water bowl on the foil. Lay a piece of paper towel down and set wooden mask on top.



Step 2

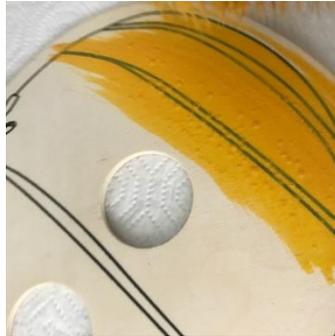
Pour a quarter size drop of paint on the foil. Dip the brush in water. Blend the water with the paint to thin. Add more water if needed. The paints consistency should be like milk.

Note: The object is to colour/stain the wood with a thin coat of acrylic paint. Wipe or blot the wet paint with a paper towel to blend the colour.



Step 3

Begin painting the colour on the wood.



Step 4

Paint the entire front of the shape.



Step 5

Use a paper towel to wipe/blot the wet paint.



Step 6

Paint all edges, wipe w/paper towel.



Step 7

Repeat process for the back and stick.



Step 8

Set painted piece aside to dry.



Step 8

Repeat process using the lt. brown paint for the turkey.



Step 9

Repeat process using the blue paint for the owl.



Step 10

Paint all pieces needed. Let wood dry.



Step 11

Using a piece of brown paper bag, rub down the entire wooden shape especially the edges. This will smooth down the painted surface and remove the tiny slivers of wood from the edges to yield a wonderful finish. Store finished pieces until needed.

Note: Brown paper is less abrasive than sand paper and will not remove the black printed details.

Thanksgiving Day Kid Crafting:



Step 1

Decorate the wooden mask. Use transparent markers to colour in the shapes. Fill in large shapes with dots of colour to keep pieces neat. Let dry (to touch.)



Decorating Ideas



Step 2

Embellish mask with adhesive gems. Finish by tying a ribbon around the stick on each mask.

Create Thanksgiving stories or plays around each character for additional holiday fun.