

Alternative Turkey Craft

In case cutting out a big turkey isn't your thing, or perhaps you've done it already and want a new way to help your kids practice gratitude for 30 days, here is an alternative craft that expands the amazing idea from Busy Toddler Blog. <https://busytoddler.com/turkey-tape-resist-art/>

Supplies:

1. Posterboard, flattened cardboard box, craft paper or similar.
2. Painter's tape
3. Paint in fun fall colors
4. You may also want to find some small bottles to help you with making the circles for the eyes. I also cut these out from white paper and glued them on.

Steps: (more directions can be found on the blog listed above.)

1. Make the space for the head using painters tape, add eyes, beak, and the waddle.
2. Make diagonal lines from the head to the edges of the paper followed by "V" shapes. The goal is to get 30 sections on the feathers where kids (or parents) can write down one thing they are grateful for each day. Once you have the diagonal or long lines of tape you can then simply divide 30 by that number so you know how many smaller sections you need in each area.
3. Paint the sections! This is the really fun part. Let your kids paint away and make whatever designs or patterns they choose.
4. Remove the tape. The blogger suggests waiting 24 hours, but mine came up easily once the paint was completely dried.
5. We also cut out the top of the feathers on the turkey to give it a more traditional shape.
6. Each day, fill in a section with something you are thankful for until the whole turkey is filled. You can also make this into a countdown by numbering the blocks so you fill in the correct number for the day. If you do this, you can also scatter the numbers so it is more like an Advent Calendar where you have to search for the correct number to put your gratitude moment on for the day.

The following page has step-by-step photo examples.

