Turkey Paper Headbands

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Activity Time: 20 minutes

Total Time: 30 minutes

Yield - 1 turkey headband

Supplies:

* Craft paper or tablecloth
* Construction paper (brown, red, white, black, orange, green, and yellow)
* Template (for headband, feathers, eyes, and nose)
* Pencil
* Scissors
* Glue stick

Numbered Instructions:

1. Let’s start by covering your work surface with craft paper or a tablecloth to protect it from glue and scissors. Print the template shapes for the turkey headband (if no printer is available, you can draw the shapes freehand).
2. It’s time to prepare all the turkey “parts”! Begin by tracing the long rectangle onto a sheet of brown construction paper (this will act as the headband). Repeat this to make two strips and set aside. Trace 2 large circles onto the white construction paper and 2 small circles onto the black construction paper to make the eyes and pupils. Trace the triangle onto the orange construction paper to make the turkey’s beak. Finally, trace the feather shape onto a red, orange, yellow, brown, and green piece of construction paper.
3. Now, let’s carefully cut out all the traced shapes (headband strips, feathers, eyes, pupils, and beak).
4. Take the two brown rectangle strips for the headband. Slightly overlap the ends. Glue the 2 strips together to form one long strip that will fit around the child's head.
5. It’s time to create the turkey’s face! Glue the orange triangle in the center of the headband to make the turkey’s beak. Glue the two large white circles on the front of the headband to form the turkey’s eyes and the two small black circles onto the white circles to add pupils. Allow the turkey’s face to dry for just a few minutes.
6. Next, grab the cut-out feather shapes and glue them in a fan pattern on the back of the headband behind the turkey face. Allow everything to dry completely.
7. Once dry, place the headband on the child’s head and adjust for fit. Measure the strip around the child's head for size, trimming if necessary, and glue the ends together to create the headband base. Set aside to dry completely.

Notes:

* Always supervise young children while using scissors or pre-cut the shapes for them. This ensures their safety and allows them to participate in the craft without any worries.
* To ensure a comfortable fit, measure the brown strips against the child’s head before gluing.
* You can use a small stapler or tape as a great alternative to glue to connect the actual headband to keep it more secure.
* You can decorate the feathers with markers, glitter, or stickers to add a personal touch to their turkey headbands. Encourage your child to let their creativity run wild and make their turkey headband unique and special.
* If you don't have construction paper, you can use card stock, felt or foam for added texture. This can make the headband more durable and reusable. You can also use a small stapler or tape as a great alternative to glue to connect the actual headband to keep it more secure.

FAQs:

1. What will I need to complete this craft?
   1. You will need the following supplies: (blogger, feel free to use your Amazon affiliate links)
      1. Craft paper or tablecloth: Protecting your work surface before you begin is a great idea! Using craft paper or an old tablecloth makes for easy cleanup.
      2. Construction paper: For this craft, you will need brown, red, white, black, orange, green, and yellow construction paper. You can also use felt or foam instead of construction paper. Also, feel free to use any colors you want for your turkey headband. Be creative!
      3. Templates: Print and use the templates to create the headband, feathers, eyes, and nose. You can also draw them freehand if you prefer. You may want to trace and cut the shapes ahead of time when working with small children!
      4. Pencil: We used a pencil to trace or draw the headband pieces. You can use any marker or writing utensil as well.
      5. Scissors: We used standard scissors for this activity. Using safety scissors is a must when working with smaller kiddos!
      6. Glue stick: Using a glue stick is an easy way fasten the objects together to form the headband. You can also use tape or a stapler to fasten the headband if glue is unavailable.

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