

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Let's talk turkeys! I am sorry that I posted last week that Thanksgiving is this week, Thursday. As we know, it is next week, Thursday, November 26. We can really celebrate by being thankful any day. So, this week we will be making another type of turkey made from all different shapes and colors. These geometric shapes can be set in a pattern like a puzzle where all the pieces fit together. This is called rotational symmetry. Or, you can just put the shapes in a colorful, festive array to look like turkey feathers.



1-Cut out a big circle from a brown paper bag. This will be about the size of a paper plate. Some bags even have a handle. Align the circle with the top of the bag, and you will have a nice hanger for your turkey. Use recycled paper, old magazines or colored paper to cut out the shapes for the turkey feathers. If you want to make a repeating pattern, make the shapes pictured above.

<https://buggyandbuddy.com/pattern-block-turkey-craft-for-kids/> . Cut six triangles with one-inch sides. If you put all the points together, you will have a shape called a hexagon. This hexagon will be glued to the center of the large circle. On each side, glue a one-inch by one-inch square. Between the squares glue triangles.

2- Now, lay one triangle down, place another upside-down triangle next to it. This is one shape you will use. Cut out and glue down with one side meeting the top of each one of the squares. Lay two triangles next to each other with another up-side down triangle between them. This is another shape you will use. Cut this shape as one piece, and glue down next to the side of the last shape. The next shape looks like a stretched-out diamond. When this piece is glued down, one side will meet the top of the triangle, and one side will meet another shape. Continue to add the shapes around the circle until it is full. For smaller artists, just glue down the shapes in any order, talking about how two triangles make a square or six triangles can make a hexagon. When you get to the outer edge, let some of the shapes hang over the edge to look more like feathers.

3- Cut one small circle and one a little larger for the turkey's body and head. Add a triangle for the beak, two eyes, and the wattle. You can add some sparkle with glue or glitter. Hang up your turkey and enjoy this happy holiday!

Be well - Ms. Susan

