

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. As you know, the Thanksgiving holiday is "right around the corner" or next week, Thursday. This week's artCart will celebrate Thanksgiving with turkeys and shared moments to remember all that we can be thankful for. We will be using a "Contrast art" technique. Contrast art explores the arrangement of different pieces, such as light and dark, where contrast is used to bring a higher focus to the artwork itself or the message we want to share. We could also use this project to think and/or write about how this Thanksgiving contrasts with others we remember. This will be "hands-down" a load of fun!



1-If you do not have different colored paper, fold a white piece of paper or cardstock into three equal sections. Cut down the fold lines, to make three pieces. Take each of these pieces, fold into three equal pieces and cut down the fold lines. You will have nine rectangles. Each of these will be cut smaller by trimming a small amount (1/8 in.) around the whole rectangle. If using white paper, color each rectangle orange, red, or another fall color. Glue these pieces to another white piece of paper with equal spacing between each rectangle.

2-Draw small hand prints or one big one on black paper. If you have a small child, you can draw around their hand to make the print or just draw a line to look like a hand print. You can make nine of these turkeys in black paper. If using white paper, color it black. The "turkeys" can face left or right, just like your hands. Glue them into the rectangles any which way, even upside down. Maybe only the feathers will be sticking in the rectangle or the head. If the head is showing in the rectangle, give the turkey a wattle (the long, fleshy lump that hangs from the chin) and an eye. It may be easier to cut these small eyes by cutting a small square of paper and putting a black dot in the middle. Snip the four corners off. If working with a younger artist, feel free to make one big turkey or use fewer rectangles. You can leave one rectangle to write a Thanksgiving message or turkey story. You can cut them evenly apart and mix up the pieces before gluing for a turkey puzzle. Or share a message by writing one word on the back of each card, scrabble them up, and ask a special someone to try to figure out the message. So many options, so many ways to have fun!

Be well, Be thankful!



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