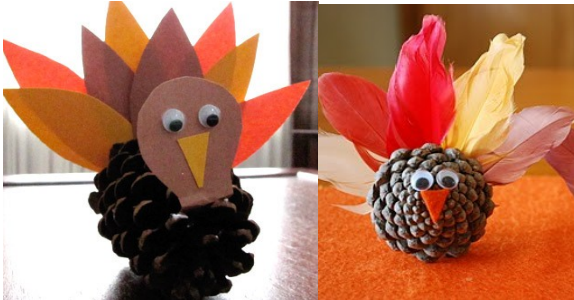


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A play & learn page for future Payne County Audubon Chapter members

Crafts and goodies for Thanksgiving

Pinecone Turkey



Make a pinecone turkey to give Thanksgiving dinner guests a unique take-home place card or napkin ring. Besides the pinecones, your imagination is pretty much all you will need to craft the time away while the turkey cooks.

What you will need—

- Plump pine cones
- Colored pipe cleaners or chenille wires, feathers, construction paper, colored leaves, or other material of your imagination for the tail feathers
- Glue (craft, wood, or all-purpose that dries clear)
- Scissors
- Wiggly eyes (optional)

How to—

Look at the photos to the left and use what materials you have and your imagination to craft your own turkeys. If you are crafting napkin rings, cut the pipe cleaners or chenille wires longer, wrap them around a spice jar to make them into a circle, and fasten the circle to the bottom of each turkey.

Chocolate & Peanut Butter Acorns

What you will need—

- Hershey's Kisses
- Mini-Chips chocolate chips
- Bite-sized NutterButters
- Microwave oven

How to—

- Melt 1/2 bag of Mini-Chips (5-second intervals in the microwave, stirring really well each time).
- Dip the flat end of the Hershey's Kiss into the melted chocolate and top with a bite-size NutterButter.
- Dip the flat end of a Mini-Chip into the melted chocolate and stick it to center of the NutterButter.

If there is a peanut allergy in the family, make the acorn caps of Ritz Bits rather than NutterButters.



Olive Penguins

What you will need:

- 1 can of jumbo or large pitted black olives
- 1 can of small pitted black olives
- 1/4 to 1/3 pound of soft cheese such as fromage blanc or cream cheese
- 1 jar pickled carrot slices or uncooked medium carrot, peeled and sliced into rounds
- Frilled toothpicks

How to—

- Cut a triangle out of the carrot rounds. The big piece will be the feet. Take the small piece and cut it into small slivers for the penguin's beak.
- Next cut a quarter inch wedge from the large olive.
- Stuff the olive with soft cheese and smooth out, wiping off any that gets on the olive.
- Place the cheese filled olive on top of the carrot feet.
- Place a small olive on top of the large olive and secure with a toothpick.
- Poke a small hole in the middle of the small olive, and then place a carrot beak in the hole.



P.S. If you don't get around to making these penguins until Christmas, you can make each penguin festive by wrapping a small slice of red or green jalapeno pepper around each bird's neck for a scarf.

Pilgrim Hat Cookies



What you will need—

- 16 chocolate wafer cookies (such as Nabisco Famous Chocolate Wafers)
- 1 tube orange frosting with piping tips
- 16 small peanut butter cups

How to—

- Place cookies on work surface
- Squeeze a dime-sized dot of frosting in the center of each
- Unwrap and invert peanut butter cups on frosting, pressing down gently
- Using the round piping tip, pipe a "hat-band" with frosting around peanut butter cup and add a square "buckle."
- Let frosting set before arranging on tray or storing in a cool place.

Pine cone turkeys and recipes from various Internet sites.