

Handy Holiday Napkin Holders (Handy Craft)

The following craft activity allows your child to dress up the Thanksgiving table by making handy napkin holders while sharing with family and friends the things he/she is thankful for. Your child might want to make a few extra napkin holders for your guests to take home as a decorative memento. For more craft activities and ideas, please visit us at www.signingtime.com or www.signingtimekids.org.

Materials Needed: (Makes four napkin holders)

- Cardboard toilet paper roll (paper towel roll works too!)
- Brown tempera paint
- Red tempera paint
- Orange tempera paint
- Yellow tempera paint
- White construction paper
- Yellow construction paper (small piece)
- Red construction paper (small piece)
- Foil
- Wiggle eyes (small)
- Scissors
- Paint brush (optional)
- Pen or crayon



Book Link:

Thanks for Thanksgiving by Julie Markes

Thank You, Thanksgiving by David Milgrim

Time to Create!

Step 1: Start by cutting the cardboard toilet paper roll into 4 parts. Using the red, orange, yellow, and brown tempera paint, have your child paint (using their finger or a paint brush) each of the four rolls (inside and outside). While the rolls are drying, begin tracing your child's hands onto the white construction paper. You will need four handprints cut out of the construction paper. On a small piece of foil, make four small puddles of paint (yellow, brown, red, and orange). Have your child dip his/her finger randomly from color to color and decorate his/her handprint (see example above). Set aside until it is completely dry.

Step 2: Next, have your child dip one finger into the brown tempera paint and make one fingerprint on the center of each handprint (the turkey's body) and allow it to dry. Cut four small pieces of red construction paper to make the turkey's waddle and glue one to each turkey. Next, help your child cut out four small triangles to use as the turkey's beaks and glue them onto the brown fingerprints just above the red waddle. Last, glue the small wiggle eyes into place.

Step 3: When the rolls are completely dry, use glue to fasten each handprint to the painted rolls. On the backside of each roll, using a pen or crayon, have your child write one thing he/she is thankful for. Finally, pull a napkin through the roll with the handprint facing up. Your child just created a nice decoration and/or memento to share with his/her family and friends!

