

Turkey Prints (Calendar Craft)

This craft activity involves more than just your child's hands... you'll need your child's foot as well! Your child will be creating a unique turkey in preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday. For more craft activities and ideas, please visit us at www.signingtime.com and www.signingtimekids.org.

Materials Needed:

- October calendar page (back side/upside-down)
- Construction paper (multiple colors)
- Brown construction paper* (1 sheet)
**NOTE: You can substitute tempera paint for construction paper if you wish*
- Glue
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Wiggle eyes



Book Link:

Pilgrim's First Thanksgiving by Ann McGovern

Time to Create!

Step 1: Using the brown construction paper, have your child trace his/her bare foot onto the paper and cut it out. Next, trace your child's hand 6 or 7 times using a variety of colored construction paper and cut them out.

Step 2: Lay the colored handprints and brown footprint onto your October calendar page (back side/upside-down). Make sure to leave enough space at the top of the page for the binding. Lay each handprint so they overlap one another just slightly. Lay the body of the turkey (the brown footprint) in the center of the page with the toes pointing downward. Be sure the bases of all of the handprints are covered by the turkey's body. Once everything is laid out to your child's satisfaction, have your child begin gluing each piece in place starting with the handprints.

Step 3: Glue the wiggle eyes into place on the heel of the footprint. Make a waddle for the turkey by either dipping your child's finger into the red tempera paint or by cutting one out of the red construction paper. Lastly, make a beak for your turkey by cutting a small triangle out of the yellow construction paper and gluing it into place. Now you have a great looking turkey!

