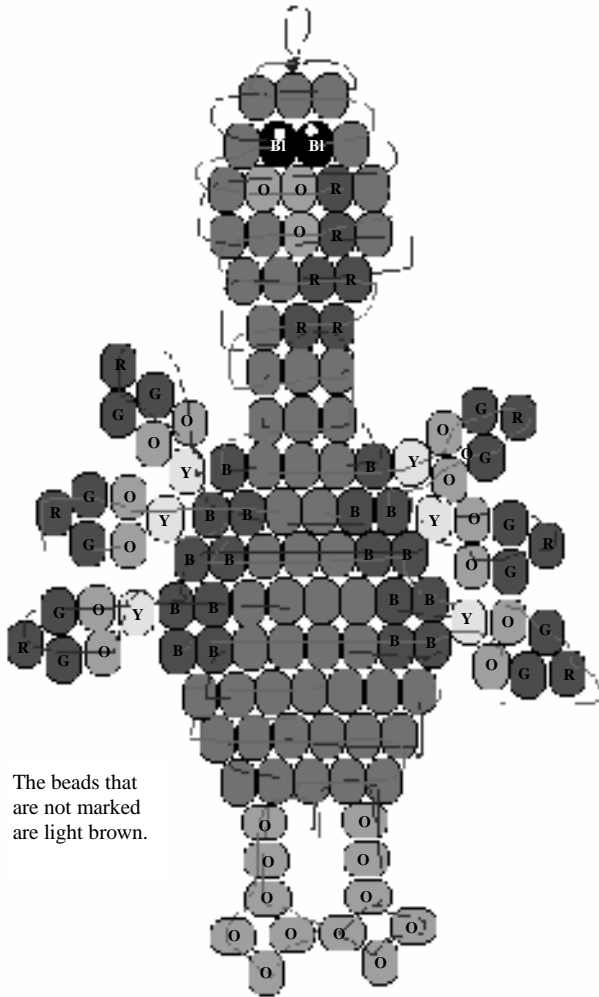


Thanksgiving Leader Helps

Tom Turkey Beadie



The beads that are not marked are light brown.

Materials:

- 3 1/2 yards ribbon or lanyard
- white out
- key ring or hook
- 53-light brown beads
- 2-black beads
- 27-orange beads
- 12-red beads
- 18-dark brown beads
- 12-green beads
- 6-yellow beads

Danette's Designs Daycare Crafts For Kids

<http://homestead.com/craftideas/>

Note: I neglected to keep track of where I got some of these projects, so unfortunately credit is not given where it's due.

Make Your Own Butter!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups of heavy cream (also called whipping cream)
- pinch of salt
- 1 qt canning jar
- approx 5 - 6 clean marbles or stones

Let the cream stand in a warm place till room temperature. Then put the cream into the quart jar. Put in the marbles and screw the lid on.

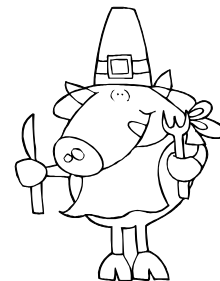
Shake the jar steadily up and down, side to side. Keep shaking until small globs of butter begin to form.

When the butter has stopped forming, open the jar and pour off the liquid. This is buttermilk. Take out the marbles.

Rinse the butter in cool, running water. Pour the water out gently from the jar so just the butter remains.

Add a pinch of salt. Stir well. Press into a small dish or mold. Chill at least a half hour before serving.

This is a great activity if you are studying pioneers or farming.



Window Clings -

Cool (& Easy) Holiday Decorating

Try this easy recipe for window clings:

- regular white paper glue
- food coloring of your choice
- clear film (transparency sheets work well)
- patterns

Mix a few drops of food coloring to the white glue bottle and mix well.

Put your design under the clear film and trace over it with a continuous bead of glue and fill in.

Let dry for at least 12 hours. Peel your work of art off of the film and place on any glass surface.

Store between sheets of plastic wrap in a cool place.

This project works well with children of all ages.

Edible Thanksgiving Turkeys .

What You Need

Microwave
Bag of candy corn (beak and eyes)
Bag of caramel candy squares (body)
Bag of Dove chocolate (base/feet)
Bag of striped chocolate cookies (tail and feathers)
Thanksgiving cup cake liners
Microwavable plate



How To Make It

Unwrap a piece of Dove chocolate to use as the base of the turkey. Place on a microwavable plate. Unwrap a piece of caramel and stick on top of the Dove chocolate bar for the turkey's body. Take a piece of candy corn and push down on top of the caramel (pointed end out). This makes the turkey's beak. Take another piece of caramel and push down on top of the first caramel. This is the head of the turkey. Break off the little white ends of 2 candy corns and push in the top caramel for the eyes. Take one striped chocolate cookie and apply to the back of the body to form the feathers. Put the turkey in the microwave for a few seconds to about 8 seconds just so that the candy and cookie can fuse together. (Watch this! Not too much time, or it will melt.) Place in freezer for a few minutes to help the turkey "set up" quicker. Serve in a Thanksgiving cup cake paper. This project was contributed by: Carol Heater, cookiy@worldnet.att.net, 11/99 Send comments and suggestions to: crafts@kidsdomain.com



Food Garland

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Background: The winter months can take its toll on birds and animals. Too much snow can cover the food they need. Early frost, too much or not enough rain all contribute to the food supply. We can feed the birds by setting out seed, other birds prefer fruit or nuts. This activity allows children to decorate the outdoors in a way that is helpful for the birds.

Skills: The children should be able to handle a large darning needle to thread the fruit and popcorn.

Material: Dental floss, fresh cranberries, popped popcorn (you may try other fruits and unshelled peanuts, too), large darning needles.

Activity: Find out which birds stay in your area throughout the winter. Determine if they eat fruit and nuts. Some birds prefer a certain fruit, other fruit eaters are not choosy. Most fruit eating birds will eat cranberries. Birds that rely on grain and seeds will eat the popcorn. Jays will eat the peanuts, as will the squirrels if they can reach the garland.

Give each child a length of dental floss threaded through a darning needle. Older children should be able to thread the needles themselves. Have the children string the cranberries, popcorn, and other fruits or nuts onto the string. Tie off each garland, or tie them together to make one large garland.

Have the children hang the garlands on the trees surrounding your school or home. Observe the garland to see which birds come to it.

Discussion: How long do you think the food will last? Which birds will come to eat at the garlands? Will other animals try to eat this food? Why is it good to feed the birds during winter?

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