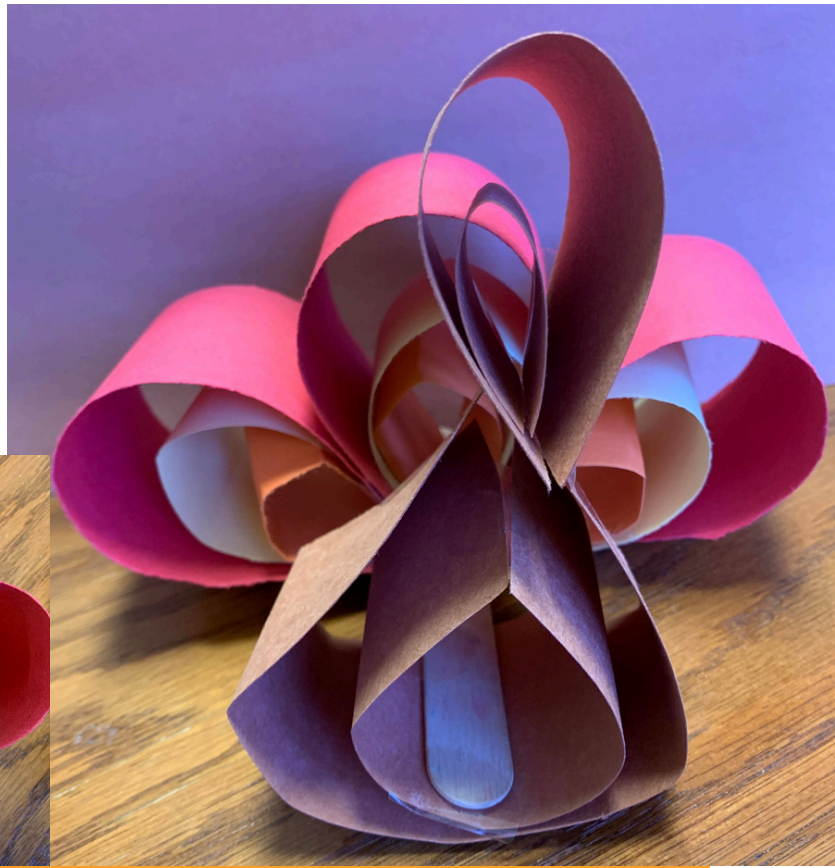



The background is a light gray with a repeating pattern of stylized autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and maroon. Thin orange lines with small yellow dots curve through the leaves. Two turkeys are depicted: one in the upper right and one in the lower left, both with orange and yellow bodies and dark brown heads and necks.

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Turkey Kit



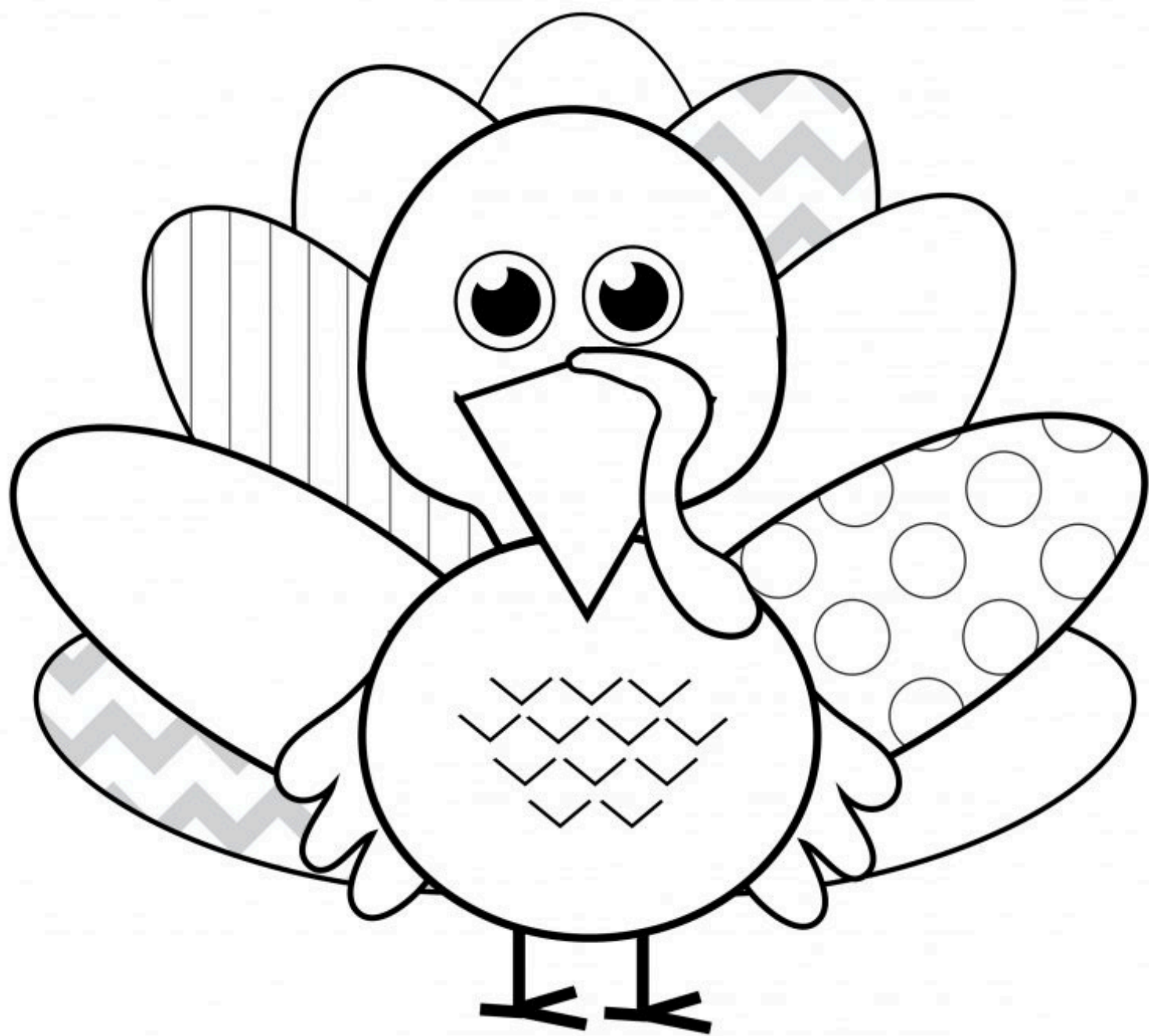
Turkey Craft

START WITH THE TAIL "FEATHERS" WHICH INCLUDE 3 RED PIECES OF PAPER, 3 YELLOW PIECES OF PAPER, 3 ORANGE PIECES OF PAPER. TAPE THE ENDS OF EACH SHUT TO FORM A TEAR DROP SHAPE. 

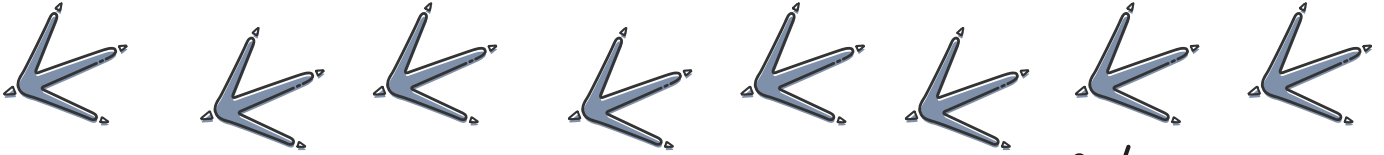
THEN NEST ONE YELLOW INSIDE ONE RED, ONE ORANGE INSIDE ONE YELLOW/RED COMBINATION. TAPE TO HOLD THEM IN PLACE. THIS SHOULD CREATE 3 INDIVIDUAL TEAR DROP FEATHERS. THEN TAPE ALL THREE TOGETHER.

FOR THE TURKEY TAKE THE PIECE OF BROWN PAPER AND TAPE THEM TOGETHER THE SAME WAY AS THE FEATHERS INTO A DROP FORMATION. NEST AND TAPE TOGETHER THE TWO BIGGEST DROPS, AND THE TWO SMALLEST DROPS. THEN TAPE TOGETHER POINT TO POINT. 

FINAL STEP, TAPE A POPSICLE STICK TO THE INSIDE LOOP OF THE BIGGEST DROP. THEN BEHIND TAPE THE TAIL FEATHERS TO THE TOP OF THE POPSICLE STICK.



Turkey Activities

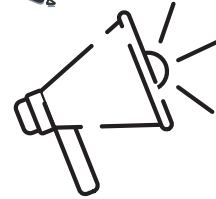


**LOG ON TO THE NATIONAL
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WEBSITE HERE:



[HTTPS://WWW.NWTF.ORG/HUNT/WILD
-TURKEY-BASICS/TURKEY-SOUNDS](https://www.nwtf.org/hunt/wild-turkey-basics/turkey-sounds)



**LISTEN TO DIFFERENT
SOUNDS TURKEYS MAKE.**

Try playing the sounds and doing what a turkey would do if they heard that sound.

Can you be a Turkey?

Try to find turkey food like a turkey. That means only using your feet because turkeys don't have hands!

Tom Turkeys, which are the boys, like to STRUT, which mean they walk around dramatically standing up straight, puffing out their feathers and holding out their wings. Can you strut like a turkey?

Turkeys roost, (sleep) in trees. Can you find any trees that might be a good roosting spot for a turkey?

Turkeys can fly 55mph, which means they can almost fly a mile a minute. They also run 25mph which is like 2.5 minutes per mile. Have a grown up time you and see how far you can run in a minute. Did you make it a whole mile?

The fastest mile ever run by a person was 3 minutes and 41 seconds.

After singing our song, you might figure out why turkeys roost in trees. It is to hide from predators! (Things that want to eat turkeys!) Play a game of hide and seek outside, and see if you can hide from someone who is it. Just like a turkey hiding from a predator.



Five Wild Turkeys

(ADAPTATION OF FIVE FAT TURKEYS ARE WE)

**5 WILD TURKEYS ARE WE-E
WE SLEPT ALL NIGHT IN A TREE-E
WHEN THE HUNTER CAME AROUND,
ONE COULDN'T BE FOUND.
THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE YOU SEE!**

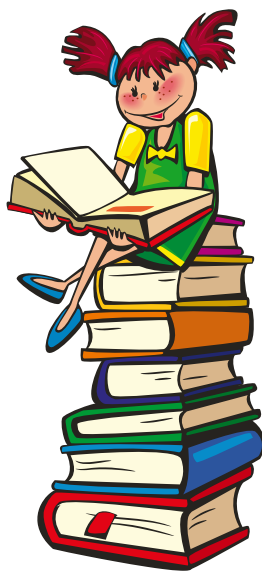
**4 WILD TURKEYS ARE WE-E
WE SLEPT ALL NIGHT IN A TREE-E.
WHEN THE COYOTE CAME AROUND,
ONE COULDN'T BE FOUND.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE YOU SEE!**

**3 WILD TURKEYS ARE WE-E
WE SLEPT ALL NIGHT IN A TREE-E.
WHEN THE GREAT HORNED OWL CAME AROUND,
ONE COULDN'T BE FOUND.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE YOU SEE!**

**2 WILD TURKEYS ARE WE-E
WE SLEPT ALL NIGHT IN A TREE-E.
WHEN THE BOBCAT CAME AROUND,
ONE COULDN'T BE FOUND.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE YOU SEE!**

**1 WILD TURKEYS ARE WE-E
WE SLEPT ALL NIGHT IN A TREE-E.
WHEN THE EAGLE CAME AROUND,
ONE COULDN'T BE FOUND.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE YOU SEE!**

**5 WILD TURKEYS ARE WE-E
WE SLEPT ALL NIGHT IN A TREE-E.
WHEN THE PREDATORS CAME AROUND,
WE DIDN'T MAKE A SOUND.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE YOU SEE!**



Suggested Reading

**Little Tom Turkey
Francis Bloxam**

**All About Turkeys
Jim Arnosky**

**Turkey Hunting for Kids
Tyler Omoth**

**Wild Turkeys
Dorothy Hinshaw**

Turkeys

Average life span is 3-4 years



Eat seeds, grubs, and worms often found scratching under leaves.

GALLIFORMS

"Chicken-Like Birds"

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Tail Feathers

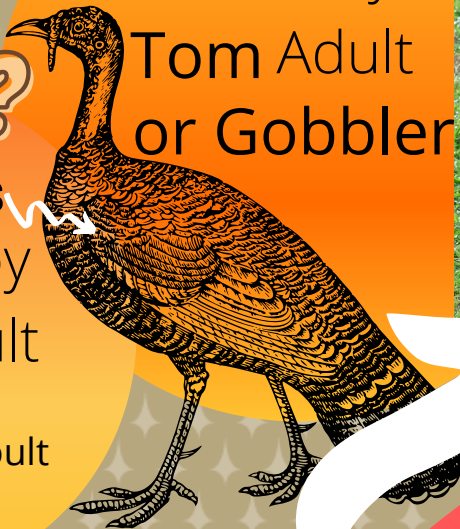
WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Girl Turkeys

Jenny Baby
Hen Adult

Boy Turkeys

Jake Baby
Tom Adult
or Gobbler



Baby Turkey

Poult



They have 4 toes
3 facing forward,
1 facing back

5,500 feathers

25 mph Running

55 mph Flying

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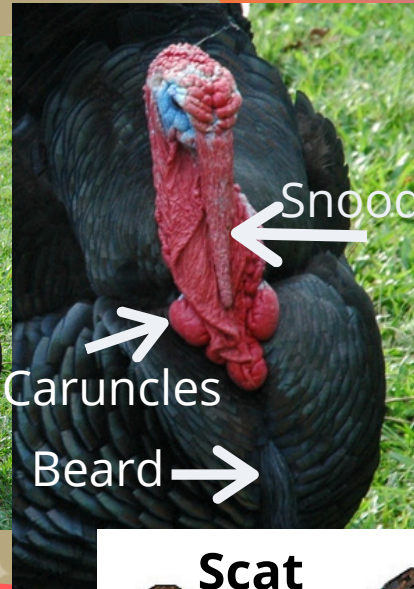
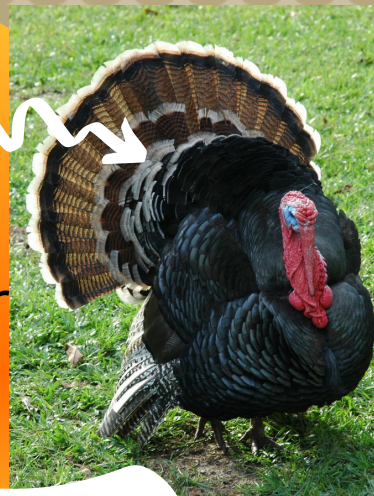
subspecies

Eastern
Osceola (Florida)
Rio Grande
Merriam's
Gould's
Ocellated

Spur



Ocellated occur only in a small area in Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize.



Snood

Caruncles

Beard

Turkey Talk

Purr
Happy

Putt
Danger!

Gobble
Stay Away!!

yelp
Assemble!

Scat



(Male) (Female)

Toms and Hens have different kinds of poop!

Hens lay 10-14 eggs

Weight:

5-20lbs

Or 2 liter of pop to 3 gallons of milk!



A Roost is where they sleep

Turkey Roost

