

Create “A Tail of Thought” – Make your own turkey tail

Supplies:

- Poster board
- Scissors
- Glue (hot glue gun and glue sticks)
- Ruler
- Pencil/Marker
- Photographs (Optional)
- Variety of natural items such as dried leaves, seeds, feathers, or twigs

This time of year, we take notice of special things in our lives. Create your own turkey tail feather with a few simple materials. The following activity brings you closer to nature and is an easy way to say thanks.



Directions:

1. On the poster board, outline a turkey tail feather that is about 16 inches long by about 6 in width. The tail feather should be tapered to about 3 inches wide at the base of the feather.
2. Carefully cut out your feather design.
3. Neatly write three things on the feather that you are very thankful for in your life. You may highlight your writing with a marker.
4. Using glue, decorate the feather with photographs that relate to your three meaningful words/things. If pictures are not available, you may draw illustrations.
5. Continue decorating the border of the feather with natural fall items such as dried leaves, sticks, or anything that relates to the holiday season. A hot glue gun will work best.

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6. Find a spot to hang your feather.

7. Have each member of the family create their own feather and hang them together.

