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Having one child
makes you a parent.



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Having two makes you
a REFEREE!

Forgive your enemies



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but keep their names.

It may be your sole
purpose in life



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to serve as a
warning to others.

I think, therefore I am...



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I think!

Santa's Boots

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You've already hung my stockings
so you might as well take my boots...
but enough is enough, so be warned,
no way are you getting my Santa suits!



- Make two slits down the side of a red plastic cup for the tongue of the shoe. Cut down to an inch or so from the bottom. The large cup shown is 9 oz. with a tongue about 1.5" wide. The smaller cup is 3 oz. with a tongue about 1" wide.
- Thread a large-hole needle with black, white or green narrow ribbon. Punch three holes on each side with the needle. With the tongue pushed back, run the lace through the holes as you would lace a pair of shoes and tie a bow.
- Cut a narrow piece of felt and glue to the bottom rim of the cup for the sole.
- Fill with party mints, nuts or candy.



These boots are very easy to make and are great for treats or favors. Santa's boot can be used in place of treat bags at a Christmas party and the smaller bootie is perfect for a baby shower. Several can be made and filled in just a few minutes.

Christmas is that time of year when people sit around staring at a dead tree in their living room while eating candy from their socks!

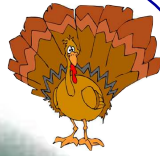


Gift for Mom: The Santa Claus at the mall was very surprised when a young lady in her twenties walked up and sat on his lap. Surprised he asked her, "What do you want for Christmas?" "Something for my mother, please," said the young lady.

"Something for your mother? Well, that's very thoughtful of you," smiled Santa. "What do you want me to bring her?" Without blinking she replied, "A son-in-law!"

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Double Handprint Turkey



- Trace a child's handprint onto paper and cut it out for a pattern. You'll need right and left handprints but if you have trouble getting the first one from an uncooperative child, flip the print over for the other hand.
- Iron on fusible webbing to two pieces of fall-colored calico fabrics as well as a scrap of black and red.
- Cut a right and left handprint from one of the fabrics.
- Cut out a bowling pin shaped head and body from the contrasting fabric.
- Overlap palms of handprints with thumbs pointing down to become feet. Position the body over the handprints.
- Iron onto sweatshirt or desired surface following fusible webbing instructions.
- Cut the turkey beard from red calico or washable felt. Cut a beak and hat band from orange or yellow calico. Cut hat from black fabric or washable felt. Iron on using picture as placement guide.
- Glue a button to hat. Add wiggly eyes. Outline turkey with matching dimensional paint if using on a t-shirt.



Everyday should be Thanksgiving Day.



Single Handprint Turkey

Give Thanks Daily!

- Prepare fabric and cut out handprints using the instructions on the opposite page.
- Also cut hat shape, band, beak, beard and feet from fall fabrics in shapes and colors shown. Iron in place.
- Add wiggly eye and dimensional paint as desired.
- An added saying like "Grandma's Little Gobbler" written with dimensional paint would be cute.



Tip: Trace handprints and footprints of children each year and date. It could be years before time is available to make these, but they will still be cherished when made. Also you may find new handprint projects in the years to come and you can still make them if you saved that chubby little handprint pattern. Always date with the year that the handprint was taken.

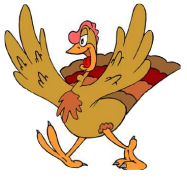


Thanksgiving Day is not the only day for giving thanks.

What about the other 364?!?!?



Turkey Handprint Cards: A really easy and sentimental card! Kids can make these for everyone special to them. Cut out the handprints and additional pieces (shown above) from colored paper or felt and let the child glue in place onto the front of a folded sheet of construction paper. Glue one of the printed poems to the inside or below handprints.

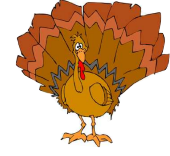


Jokes that will even make the turkey groan!

This makes an easy thoughtful little gift. Fold the packet so that it resembles a real oatmeal packet. Glue flaps down with a glue stick. When dry, insert an unopened packet of oatmeal.

Happy Gobble Day!

Gobble & Wobble!



Why did the turkey cross the road?
To prove he wasn't a chicken.



Happy Thanksgiving!

Hem your blessings with thankfulness so they don't unravel.

Blessings Breakfast

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This special breakfast will get you off to a good start reminding of your blessings and warming your heart.



Be thankful for the land that produced such a treat.
Be thankful for your home where you can relax and eat.

Be thankful for your family with whom you can share.
Be thankful for your creator who will provide and care.

Be thankful for your senses to enjoy this and all to come.
Be thankful for the pleasures as you join in laughter and fun.

When I celebrate each morning I am humble and thankful too, not only for these great things but for having a friend like you!



Where did the first corn come from?
The stalk brought it.

Who is not hungry on Thanksgiving Day?

The turkey... He is stuffed!

What kind of dance do turkeys do?

The turkey trot.

What happened when the turkey got in a fight?

He got the stuffing knocked out.

Why was the turkey the drummer in the band?

He had the drumsticks.

Why was the turkey arrested?

He was suspected of fowl play.

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?

The outside.

Why do turkeys always go "Gobble, Gobble"?

Because they never learned good table manners.

Why did the Pilgrims sail to America in the spring?

Because April showers bring May flowers.

What are the feathers on a turkey's wings called?

Turkey feathers.

Give Thanks Every Day!!!

Oatmeal Packet Template by Lisajo Wolff

If April showers bring May Flowers, what do May Flowers bring?
Pilgrims!



What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?

Plymouth Rock

Gingie Orn



Linda Maretich

Linda Maretich created this adorable little gingie ornament.

- Just sew two muslin circles together, turn and stuff with polyester fiberfill.
- The stick is inserted with a little hot glue and the opening is hand sewn shut.
- Linda hand paints the face with acrylic paint. Paint markers could be used for those of us artistically challenged.
- Glue a homespun bow at the neck and a cord for hanging.
- They also are cute used as bowl/basket fillers, plant pokes or window decorations.

Linda paints the most awesome faces. We hope to see a book of faces by her one day!

Gingerbread Man:
Hot Head
Warm Heart



If your fabric is too pale stain it with tea until dingy, That's the secret to making the cutest ever little gingie!

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Lethal Food: A dietician was addressing a large audience with dismal facts about our food supplies.



"The food we put into our stomachs is killing us," he lamented. Red meat is bad for your heart, vegetables can carry salmonella, and none of us realizes the germs in our drinking water.

But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all eat it some time in our lives. Can

anyone here tell me what lethal product I'm referring to?"

"Wedding cake!" came the reply from the back.

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Surprise! Wanting to surprise her husband, an executive's wife stopped by his office. She found him with his secretary sitting in his lap.

Without hesitating, he dictated, "...and in conclusion, gentlemen, shortage or no shortage, I cannot continue to operate this office with just one chair."

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After a quarrel, a husband said to his wife, "You know, I was a fool when I married you." She replied, "Yes, dear, but I was in love and didn't notice."

No Refills: A distraught patient phoned her doctor's office. Was it true, the woman wanted to know, that the medication the doctor had prescribed was for the rest of her life? She was told that it was.

There was a moment of silence before the woman continued, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious my condition is. This prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'".



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Blessing Cookies

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Grab an Irish blessing each day to chase away bad luck and doubt and when you've read the last one may your good luck still hold out!

If you're lucky enough to be Irish, you're lucky enough.



- Cut apart the below blessings and fold each lengthwise so that it is long and skinny and then fold it in half widthwise as many times as needed to fit inside the cookie.
- Use a glass to draw a circle on tan or ivory felt. Make larger or smaller circles for various sized "cookies" and also in fun colors if desired. Fold the circle of felt in half. Glue the edges together, leaving about an inch opening at one end of the fold.
- Slide in a folded blessing strip, leaving the ends sticking out. Glue the rest of the felt edge up to the edge of the fortune. Do not glue the fortune!
- Bring the two ends together, forming an arc, letting the center puff out. See picture. Glue the sides of the arc together, letting both tips flare out. You may need to poke at the center a bit to make it look like a fortune cookie. Display in a Chinese take out box.
- Whether using Irish Blessings or traditional fortunes, **celebrate the Chinese New Year on Feb. 7, 2008, Jan. 26, 2009, Feb. 14, 2010, Feb. 3, 2011 and Jan. 23, 2012.** Also great for Thanksgiving!



Irish Blessings & More

- ♣ May God bless and keep in good health your enemies', enemies.
- ♣ May the hinges of our friendship never grow rusty.
- ♣ May the Lord keep you in His hand and never close His fist too tight.
- ♣ May the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends gathered below never fall out.

- ♣ May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again my friend, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.
- ♣ May the saddest day of your future be no worse than the happiest day of your past.
- ♣ May the splinters never point in the wrong direction as you slide down the banister of life.
- ♣ May those who love us, love us and those who don't love us, may God turn their hearts; and if he can't turn their hearts, may he turn their ankles so we will know them by their limping!
- ♣ May we toast to me and you, and here's to love and laughter. I'll be true as long as you, and not one moment after.
- ♣ May you always be good, but not too good, for the good die young.
- ♣ May you always remember to forget the things that made you sad. But never forget to remember the things that made you glad.
- ♣ May you be in heaven a half hour before the devil knows you are dead.
- ♣ May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings, slow to make enemies, and quick to make friends.
- ♣ May you die in bed at 95 years, shot by a jealous wife!
- ♣ May you do four things in life: lie, steal, cheat, and drink. When you lie, do it to save a friend. When you steal, steal someone's heart. When you cheat, cheat death. And when you drink, drink with me!
- ♣ May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to make you happy and enough money to buy me gifts.
- ♣ May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, and enough hope to make you happy.
- ♣ May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you've gone too far.
- ♣ May you keep your head when you lose your heart.
- ♣ May you live all the days of your life.
- ♣ May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live.

- ♣ May you live to be a hundred years, with one extra year to repent!
- ♣ May you live your life so that there is standing room only at your funeral.
- ♣ May you ramble through life and meet your goal; keeping your eye upon the doughnut, and not upon the hole.
- ♣ May you taste the sweetest pleasures that fortune ever bestowed, and may all your friends remember all the favors you are owed.
- ♣ May your cheeks retain their dimples, may your heart be just as gay, 'til some manly voice shall whisper, "Dearest, will you name the day?"
- ♣ May your coffin have six handles of finest silver! May your coffin be carried by six fair young maids! And may your coffin be made of the finest wood from a 100-year-old tree, that I'll go plant tomorrow!
- ♣ May your home be filled with laughter, may your pockets be filled with gold, and may you have all the happiness your Irish heart can hold.
- ♣ May your house always be too small to hold all your friends.
- ♣ May your joys be as deep as the oceans, your troubles as light as its foam. And may you find, sweet peace of mind, wherever you may roam.
- ♣ May your laugh, your love and your wine be plenty, thus your happiness will be nothing less.
- ♣ May your life be like a fried egg , sunny side up.
- ♣ May your life be like a piano... grand, upright and square.
- ♣ May your life be like good wine... tasty, sharp and clear and improve with every passing year.
- ♣ May your life be long and useful like a roll of toilet paper.
- ♣ May your neighbors respect you, trouble neglect you, the angels protect you, and heaven accept you.
- ♣ May your path be strewn with roses, and your children have pug noses.
- ♣ May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light, may good luck pursue you each morning and night.
- ♣ May your roof overhead be well thatched and those inside be well matched.
- ♣ May your trouble be like the old man's teeth...few and far between.
- ♣ May your troubles be less and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door.

Better to lose count while naming your blessings than to lose your blessings to counting your troubles.




Thanksgiving Blessings

Mix equal amounts of the following ingredients:

candy corn (corn kernels), **pretzels** (folded arms), **nuts/seeds** (harvest seeds), **bugle snack chips** (cornucopia), **dried fruit** (dried harvest), **M&M's** (memories), **candy kisses** (love)

Serve from bowl or package in pointy ice cream cones.


Thanksgiving Blessings Mix
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They celebrated with friends and a Thanksgiving cornucopia even though all would agree their lives were far from utopia.




They dried their harvest for the next winter was near, but this time they knew it would be a better year.



Let us hold memories of all they went through to make a better future for me and for you.




The love they passed down still sweetens each day and makes us proud to be part of the great U.S.A.



The pilgrims came to America seeking freedom with a great resolve, and though they saw many hardships their determination would not dissolve.



Food and corn were quite scarce but their inner strength grew, even though the kernels rationed were only but a very few.



They folded their arms in prayer each day... The freedom of America was the only way!



They saved nuts and seeds for planting in the spring. Soon rewards were reaped from the harvest they'd bring.

Drum Ornament

- Toilet tissue roll
- (10) 8 mm plastic jewel beads
- 2 mm thick fun foam
- Red felt
- Thin green ribbon
- Colored party toothpick
- Glue
- Marker or paint pen



Use in place of name tags on presents. They are so inexpensive and easy to make that you can make up several and put names on them later as needed. Those you forgot will think you went out of your way making a cute personalized gift!

**Pa rum pum pum pum.
Just for you from me...
This cute little drum
To hang on your tree.**
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- Cut the toilet tissue roll in half or in thirds. Make drums in a variety of sizes.
- Trace the top and bottom of the roll onto white fun foam and cut out the two circles. Glue the circles to the top and bottom of the roll using either white glue or a glue gun.
- Cut a piece of red felt to cover the roll and glue it around entirely.
- Glue a piece of thin green ribbon around the top and bottom of the drum. Glue four beads evenly around the top as shown in the picture. Glue four more around the bottom, but make sure they are between the top beads and not directly beneath them.
- Glue one end of a long piece of green ribbon under a bottom bead near the felt seam. Loop it over the next top bead and down under the next bottom bead, continuing like this around the entire drum. Cut at the end and glue under the last bead. You may also need to "tack glue" around a couple of other beads if the ribbon is not tight enough.
- Cut, fold and glue a piece of ribbon near the felt seam for the hanger.
- Cut a colored party toothpick in half. Cut off the very tips (so they don't protrude through the bead) and wedge that end into a 8 mm bead for drum sticks.
- Personalize by writing a name on the top with a magic marker or paint stick.
- Glue the drumsticks to the top under the name.



**A cute little cap,
a ribbon and dotted eyes
added to scrap
makes a snowman surprise!**
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Can you believe it? My husband was about to throw out some scrap PVC pipe... the beginnings of this cute little snowman! He'll use up those little bits of scraps that a crafter seems to collect!

- Use a scrap piece of PVC pipe or cut a piece about 2 or 3 inches long.
- Wrap and glue a piece of fleece around the head for the hat and tie off with embroidery thread, yarn or ribbon. Fringe the top with scissors.
- Dot on eyes and buttons using a toothpick and black acrylic paint. Dot on an orange acrylic paint nose drawing it out as much as possible into a carrot shape. Let dry.
- Tie a piece of ribbon at the neck for a scarf.
- Glue or sew a hanger to the back of the hat.

Apple Grins



Apple Grins
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**A little smile
so nice and polite
is today's snack
so have a bite.**

- Put peanut butter (gums) on one side of an apple slice (lips).
- Arrange mini marshmallows (teeth) across the slice. It works best to frost the top and bottom of each tooth with a dab of peanut butter. Add a raisin (cavity) among the teeth if desired.
- Frost one side of another apple slice and put it on top.
- They don't sit up well, so before serving insert a toothpick to hold the lips in place.
- The best part... eat!

Print, laminate and trim these 12 rules regarding housework. Glue a magnet to the back and post one on your fridge and give copies to all of your friends. After all, it's your duty, especially during busy holidays, to spread the real truth about housework!

Housework

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Housework is a losing battle.
You're guaranteed to not win!
You bust your butt and soon
you have to go and do it again!



It can take over your life but
here's a few tips and shortcuts.
Follow them closely and don't
let housework drive you nuts!

The Real Truth About Housework!



1. Dust bunnies make quiet well-behaved adorable pets.
2. Don't vacuum too often. It wears out the carpet.
3. Dust-covered light bulbs create a soft romantic glow.
4. Dust is a great country accent.
5. Filmy windows protect from the harmful rays of the sun.
6. Keep experiments growing in the fridge. You could discover the next cure of a major disease in there.
7. Let cobwebs collect all year long for a really fantastic Halloween display.
8. Only so much dirt and dust will collect. After a while it doesn't get any worse so there's no need to keep cleaning.
9. Hardwood floors only need a weekly waltz in your fuzzy slippers.
10. When you're in a hurry just sweep the room with a glance.
11. Leave the vacuum in the middle of the floor and company will think they caught you in the middle of cleaning.
12. Remember clean houses never last but hugs and kisses do!



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Bi-Gum Plane

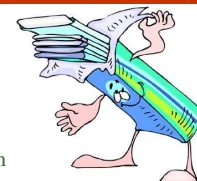
- 2 Sticks of flat gum (wings)
- 1 Pkg. of smarties, tootsie roll or similar shape (plane body)
- 2 Lifesavers w/holes (wheels)
- 1 Rubber band (about 3")

- Run the rubber band through two lifesavers.
- Set the gum perpendicular across the Smarties as shown.
- Loop each end of the rubber band over the gum wings. Voila!
- Some of the fruity gums come with white wrappers that can be written on or decorated.

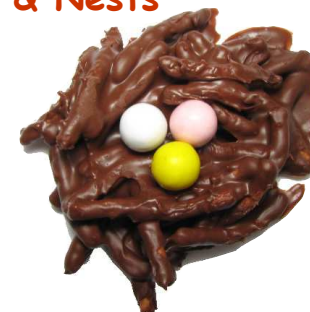


Take it apart
and chew it now
or save it a while
and hang on a bough!

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Crunchy Spiders & Nests



- Melt 1 cup of chocolate chips and combine with 1 cup of Chinese noodles. Mix in a few more noodles until the shapes of the noodles are defined.
- Cover a cookie sheet with aluminum foil and spoon the mixture onto it in the shapes of spiders and/or bird nests.
- Add two candy eyes to each spider and three candy eggs to each nest. Candies like candy coated mini kisses and Skittles work well.
- Pop in the freezer for a couple of minutes to set up. Peel from the foil.

Scary but crunchy... good and munchy!

Print and laminate this little poem for a bookmark. Your kids will get a kick out of it and though they may not fully believe it, perhaps it will open up a dialog should you ever need to discuss fibbing.

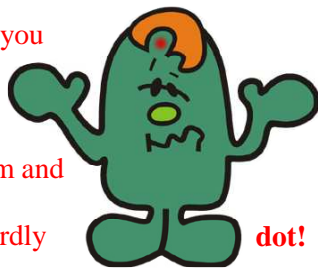
Mommy Dot



With the straightest of faces you can say that you forgot, and even if it's the littlest lie out will pop the Mommy Dot!

Now what could be a Mommy Dot you ask with doubting dread. When you lie it's what pops out in the middle of your forehead!

When you do things you shouldn't and insist that you did not, that's why you squirm and fidget... because of that dastardly



dot!

So the secret is out and it's **NOT** eyes in the back of Mommy's head. It's that only she can see that **SPOT** when the truth isn't what you said!

Now you can try to hide it as you continue being fictitious, but that only makes Mommy even more overly suspicious!

But there is one drastic way to fully cure this awful demise, and that's to declare and mean it that you'll never tell any more lies!

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Children are a great comfort in your old age. And they help you reach it faster, too.

My mother is in two places at once - on my nerves and in my heart.

If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands? — Milton Berle

I'd like to be the ideal mother, but I'm too busy raising my kids.

Children aren't happy without something to ignore and that's why mothers were created. But then mothers know how to get their children's attention... sit down and look comfortable, get on the phone or close the bathroom door!

There was never a child so lovely but his mother was glad to get him to sleep. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

A bunch of little sayings just for the pun of it!

I'm still a hot babe. It just comes in flashes now.

Now that I have money to burn, my fire burned out!

Baby: Does this diaper make me look fat?

I could suffer in silence but I prefer to moan, groan, whimper and whine.

You cannot stop the birds of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from nesting in your hair.

A wild goose never reared a tame gosling.

How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were?

Live by the sun. Love by the moon.

We live life forward but we understand it backwards.

When a man has a birthday he takes a day off, but when a woman has a birthday she takes a year off.

Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.

A surefire way to get a man to do something is to tell him he is too old to do it.

If it has tires or testacles, it's trouble!

You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was.

If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, you can bet their water bill is higher.

A turkey never voted for an early Christmas.

Statistics show that at age 70, there are five women to every man. Isn't that the darnedest time for a guy to get those odds!

Angels home Don't leave home without them!

It's hard to be optimistic when your fat pants are too tight.

A woman doesn't need a man to keep her happy, just a maid.

A man's appearance indicates how his business is prospering, and his wife's appearance shows how much he is spending.

When the eagles are silent, the parrots begin to jabber.

Wanted
Mother's Helper
Peasant Working Conditions

There never was a good war or a bad peace.

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