



Make a finger puppet turkey

This craft was inspired by a “Victory” jigsaw puzzle featuring a turkey (pictured, left).

You will need: cardboard roll, pencil, scissors, thin card (from a cereal box), paint, paintbrush, felt tip pen, glue stick, sticky tape.

Instructions:

1. With the thin card, draw and cut out 8 feather shapes of the same size.
2. Paint the cardboard roll and the feather shapes. Leave to dry.
3. Draw and cut out two feet, a beak, two eyes (ovals) and a wattle. Cut out of card in the colour you want to use e.g. red for the wattle, white for the eyes and yellow for the beak and feet. With a felt tip pen to add a pupil to each eye.
4. With scissors, make shallow cuts around the edges of each feather shape, and gently fold down the middle of each feather shape.
5. Gently press downwards and inwards the top of the cardboard roll.
6. Attach the feathers to the back of the cardboard roll, about half way up – glue and/or tape into position so the feather shapes form a ‘fan’. Leave to dry.
7. Glue on the eyes, beak, wattle and the feet. Leave to dry.
8. Your turkey is now ready to roam! To use as a finger puppet, insert several fingers into the base of the cardboard roll.



Fun facts: This jigsaw puzzle (pictured above) is in the museum collection. A company called Hayter & Co, based in Bournemouth, made these puzzles from 1920s to 1970s. They used the word “Victory” as part of the title of their jigsaw puzzles, and as such people often referred to them as “Victory puzzles”.

Female turkeys are called hens, males are known as stags and baby turkeys are called poults until they are 5 weeks old. Stags make a gobbling sound while hens make a clicking sound!