

# Talking Turkeys

## **Common Core State Standards:**

Language Arts: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.1; RI.3.7

## **Suggested Reading:**

Gracias! The Thanksgiving Turkey by Joy Cowley  
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Poultry Terra Nova: [agintheclassroom.org](http://agintheclassroom.org)

## **Materials Needed:**

1. Brown or clear plastic drinking cups
2. Yarn or string cut into 24 inch lengths
3. Red construction paper
4. A variety of colors of construction paper
5. Glue
6. Google eyes (or black permanent marker to draw eyes)
7. Brown feathers
8. Moistened sponge or paper towel

## **Procedure:**

1. Prepare cups ahead of time by using an ice pick to punch two holes, 1/2 inch apart, in the bottom of each cup.
2. Hand out the cups and string to students.
3. Lace the string through the holes and tie a knot inside the cup. (The string should hang down from the cup when it is held upside down. The upside-down cup will form the body of the turkey.)
4. To form a beak, cut the red construction paper into long diamond shapes, about 1 1/2 inches long and 1/2 inch wide, and fold the diamond in half.
5. Glue the fold of the beak at the center of the cup's ridges.
6. With the other construction paper, cut out 3-5 large tail feathers and glue them to the back of your turkey.
7. Glue a feather, one on each side of the cup, for the wings.
8. Glue google eyes on the cup, or draw eyes, using the black permanent marker.
9. Once all the glue has dried, show students how to make their turkeys gobble.
10. Fold a moistened sponge or paper towel over the string near the bottom of the cup.
11. Hold the turkey/cup with the other hand and gently tug while sliding the moistened sponge down the string. This will produce a sound similar to that of a turkey gobble.