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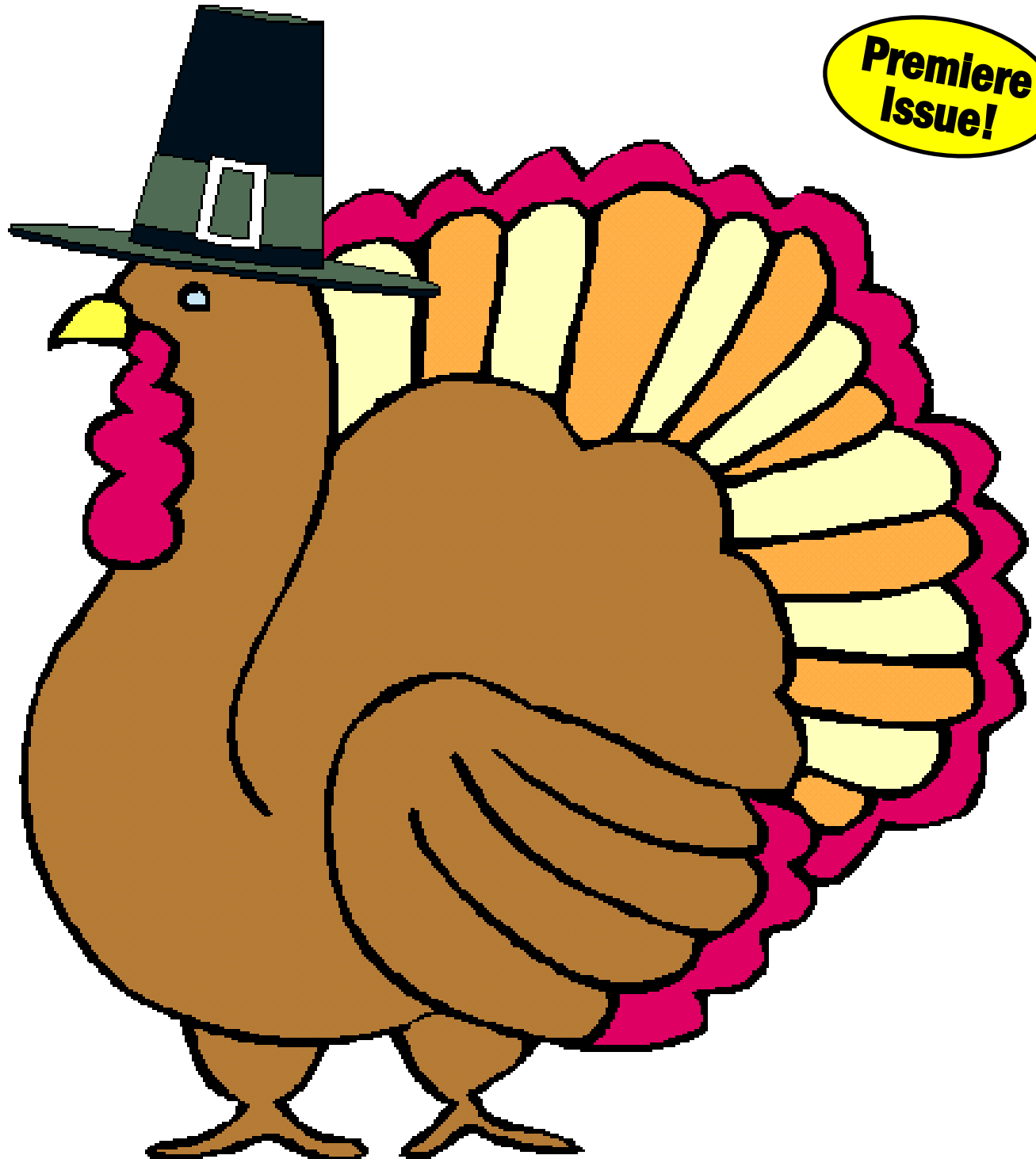
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From the Editor

Welcome to the premiere issue of Holiday Crafts 4 Kids magazine. This free online magazine is for children, parents, caregivers, and teachers. The magazine is designed to accompany the Holiday Crafts 4 Kids web site located at www.holidaycrafts4kids.com.

Every month's issue will offer crafts, short stories, poems, puzzles, coloring pictures, other activities, educational content and much more. The content will cover common and not so common holidays from the United States and around the world. The premiere issue has lots of fun stories, poems, crafts, and puzzles.

Now for a brief introduction of me. I am a nearly 34 year old stay at home mom living in

the south-western part of New Hampshire. I have one daughter, who is 10 years old and in the fifth grade, and one very bratty cat that is much like having a second child. We also have three hamster sisters. Don't ask!

I have been a reporter, editor, layout specialist, and proofreader over the last nine or so years. Before moving into the publishing field I was a nanny working with kids ages 7 months to 12 years old. Part of my job was providing crafts and other activities for them to do, which is where many ideas for the web site came from.

Again, welcome to the new Holiday Crafts 4 Kids magazine.

Nancy Cavanaugh



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Pinecone Turkey Decorations

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What you need:

Plump pine cones (spherical shaped about 1 1/2"-2" diameter)

1 Red bumpy chenille stem

1 Orange bumpy chenille stem

5-7 other colors of bumpy chenille stems

Glue (craft, wood, or all-purpose that dries clear)

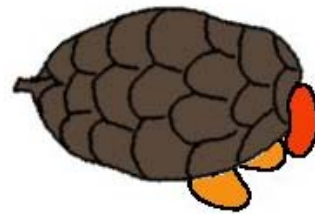
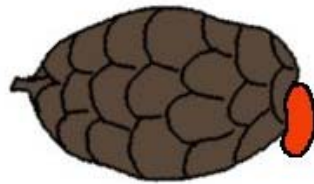
Wire Cutter (parental help may be needed with these)

How to make it:

1. Make sure each pine cone has dried thoroughly.

2. Cut the bumps apart in each chenille wire. Using wire cutters, cut in the center of each place where the wire narrows down--you want the bumps whole and fluffy.

3. Take one red bump and shape into an 'S'. Glue this to the rounded end of the cone with

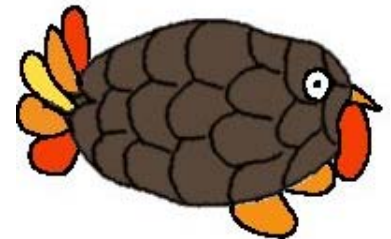


the bump protruding somewhat above the cone for the head of the turkey.

4. Take one orange bump and shape into a 'V'. Glue this under the bottom of the round part of the cone for the legs and feet. The feet can be shaped later. Toes can even be added.

5. Take five to seven other bumps and carefully bend them so the narrow ends can be twisted together leaving the puffy end somewhat rounded. Glue as many of these as nicely fits close to the flatter stemmed end of the pine cone remembering to use glue only on the twisted end of the chenille wire.

6. Let dry and then adjust shaped of chenille wires to make your turkey look more realistic.



Baked Pumpkin Seeds

After all the pumpkin carving or pie making, don't throw out the seeds.

What you need:

Pumpkin seeds and pulp

1/4 cup butter or margarine

Salt

How to make it:

1. Separate the seeds from the stringy pulp (don't rinse or remove every last bit of the pulp -- the pulp adds flavor).

2. Place the seeds on a cookie sheet, stir in about 1/4 cup of melted butter or margarine, sprinkle with a small amount of salt.

3. Bake in a 350 degree F oven for 10 minutes until lightly browned.

Cycle of Nature

By Nancy Castaneda

Spring blooms.

Nature mates.

Summer sneaks in with the heat.

Fall loses all it's leaves.

Which rots and molds beneath the feet.

Winter freezes all it see's,

Cold and ice hangs from the trees.

Then the cycle starts all over again,

And keeps on going,

And never ends.

Falling for Acorn Crafts

By Brenda Hyde

My kids range in age from 2 1/2 to 9 and they all love nature crafts! We returned from camping with a big bag of acorns. They took part of the tops off because they want to pretend they are bowls and dishes for the fairies. Yes, they have big imaginations!

I've been experimenting and looking for all sorts of acorn crafts and thought you all might enjoy them too.

Place cards:

Glue small acorns to a small business card size piece of cardstock and tuck little pieces of dried flowers or spanish moss around them. Glue it to the left side, and write your guests name to the right. Set it directly in front of each place setting.

Bird house roofs:

Buy or make small bird houses and glue just the tops of the acorns onto the roofs. You can do this with full size birdhouses too-if it's placed outside spray with a clean sealer.

Wreaths:

I love using the 6-8 inch grapevine wreaths found in craft stores. They are usually less than a dollar and you can do so much with them! In this case, glue a row of acorns (try to pick ones of the same size if possible) around the wreath, centering them, so that you have room to tuck baby's breath or other tiny dried flowers around and inbetween. I've also gotten very rustic and used moss and dried seeds with the acorns. Place on a simple raffia bow and a loop in the back to hang. Note-if the tops come loose simply glue them back on!

Autumn Show

By Shari Lyle-Soffe

I watch the autumn leaves
Turn orange, yellow, red,
Shedding their summer hues,
Dreading what lies ahead.

Fighting to keep their grasp
On the nurturing branch.
They flutter to the ground,
Then start an avalanche.

They spread across the yard,
A colored tapestry.
Several inches deep,
Beneath the mother tree.

Then as their beauty fades,
And while the air is chilled,
We rake up all the leaves
Until each bag is filled.



Old Frames:

Hot glue acorns around a small frame then spray with a clear sealer. I always have old frames laying around, so this is an easy one! I like using the 5x7 size and putting in a picture of the kids doing some autumn activity! If the frame is still too nice to cover completely, you can just glue them in the corners as accents. Oh, and take the glass out when you are working with it-add it and the picture back in when it's dry and set.

There are many little odd things we do with acorns too. Other years we collected them at my parents' house-for which they were grateful. I like putting them in baskets with pinecones and seedpods. We also make silly crafts with construction paper and glue. Acorn people are a favorite. One note: don't keep your acorns in a sealed plastic bag. They most often still have moisture inside and will mold. Collecting them in baskets works great!

Finish the story...

The Big Slope Challenge



I watched the people skiing below me as I made my way up the mountain for the first time. It looked easy enough, right?

When I got to the top my ski instructor helped me off the lift and guided me to the section of the slope set aside for beginners. I looked down and swallowed hard.

“Are you ready?” he asked.

Crafting Fun While Recycling

By Nancy Cavanaugh

Crafting doesn't have to be expensive and you don't have to run to the craft store to find your supplies – just look around the house!

Juice Can Holder

Paint an empty, rinsed out and dried frozen juice can with spray or acrylic paint. Decorate with glitter and glue, pom poms, buttons, lace, or stickers. Use the holders for barrettes, pony tail holders, paper clips, rubber bands, keys, jewelry, or other small items.

Coffee Can Stilts

Using two 1-pound coffee cans, turn each can upside down so that the plastic lid is on the bottom. Have an adult use a screwdriver to poke two holes, one on each side of the can.

Decorate the cans with spray or acrylic paint, glitter, lace, etc. Using several strands of yarn braided or twisted together, or some rope, thread through holes in cans. Tie off inside the can.

Paper Towel Rain Makers

Color, paint, and decorate a paper towel roll. Cover one end of a paper towel roll with waxed paper and close it off with a rubber band.

Pour a handful or two of dried beans or split peas in the open end, close open end with another piece of wax paper and rubber band.

Poke toothpicks through the paper towel roll at different intervals to add a "rain shaker" sound then turn upside down.

Picture Carriers

Decorate a paper towel tube with paint, markers, glitter, stickers, construction paper and crayons. This becomes a colorful carrying tube for pictures to take to your teacher, grandparents, friends, or other relatives.

Shadowboxes

Paint the inside of a shoebox with black or

dark blue poster or acrylic paint. You can also glue black construction paper inside the box. Using white crayons or stickers, make a night scene with stars and the moon on the black background.

Get creative, use small plastic toys to create a scene inside your shadowbox, or make your own with construction paper and glue. Cut out small pictures from coloring books and color and adhere to your scene.

Pet Rocks

Find smooth, flat or round rocks. Be sure to clean off any dirt or sand and dry completely before starting.

Paint with acrylic paints. Decorate faces by using google eyes, yarn for hair, markers, glitter, and any other tidbits you like.

Make Paper Leaves

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What you need:

Construction paper -- orange, red, yellow, brown, and other earth tones

Crayons or markers

Scissors

Glue, tape, or staples

A long piece of green or brown yarn or string

How to make it:

1. Draw a leaf on a piece of construction paper. Make sure to draw a thick stem on the top (your leaf will hang from this stem, which will be folded over).

2. Cut out the leaf. Draw the leaf veins if you wish.

3. Fold the leaf's stem in half.

4. Attach the leaf to a long string using tape, glue, or staples. Make more leaves and attach them to the string.

Easy Edible Turkey Treats

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Candied Turkey

What you need:

Microwave
Bag of candy corn
Bag of caramel candy squares
Bag of Dove chocolate
Bag of striped chocolate cookies
Thanksgiving cup cake liners
Microwavable plate

How to make it:

1. Unwrap a piece of Dove chocolate to use as the base of the turkey. Place on a microwavable plate.
2. Unwrap a piece of caramel and stick on top of the Dove chocolate bar for the turkey's body.
3. Take a piece of candy corn and push down on top of the caramel (pointed end out). This makes the turkey's beak.
4. Take another piece of caramel and push down on top of the first caramel. This is the head of the turkey.
5. Break off the little white ends of 2 candy corns and push in the top caramel for the eyes.
6. Take one striped chocolate cookie and apply to the back of the body to form the feathers.
7. Put the turkey in the microwave for a few seconds to about 8 seconds just so that the candy and cookie can fuse together. (Watch this! Not too much time, or it will melt.)
8. Place in freezer for a few minutes to help the turkey "set up" quicker. Serve in a Thanksgiving cup cake paper.

Graham Cracker Turkeys

What you need:

1/4 cup unsweetened frozen apple juice concentrate
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 sliced banana

1 tsp. Vanilla
1 tsp. Cinnamon
1 cup graham flour *
1 cup whole-wheat flour
1 tsp. Baking soda
1/2 tsp. Salt
Turkey shaped cookie cutter

* Graham Flour is a kind of flour, just like the more common wheat flour. If you can't find it in your supermarket, try calling health food stores.

How to make it:

1. Combine apple juice, oil, banana, vanilla, and cinnamon in a blender.
 2. In a large bowl, mix together graham flour, whole-wheat flour, baking soda, and salt.
 3. Add apple juice mixture to flour mixture and stir thoroughly.
 4. Roll out the dough on a floured surface and cut out with turkey shaped cookie cutter.
 5. Use a fork to poke holes for eyes and feathers.
 6. Bake at 350 degrees F for 8 minutes.
- Yield: Makes 2 to 3 dozen cookies

Quick Edible Thanksgiving Turkeys

What you need:

2 Double stuffed Oreos
Candy corn
Raisinets
Plate

How to make it:

1. Open one Oreo. The half that has the filling will be the base for your turkey to stand on.
2. Place the other Oreo on the filling standing upright. This is your turkey body.
3. Carefully place 5 candy corns into the filling on the upright Oreo. These are the feathers.
4. Place a Raisinet in front of the turkey body. This is the head.

Create a Personalized Turkey

By Nancy Cavanaugh

What you need:

Construction paper -- brown, tan, orange, red, yellow and white

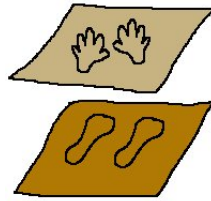
Scissors

Glue

Wiggle eyes, optional

How to make it:

1. Trace the child's hands and feet -- two feet (with shoes on) on brown construction paper; two hands on tan construction paper; two hands on red construction paper; two hands on orange construction paper; and one hand on yellow construction paper.



2. Cut out all the pieces.



3. Put the two feet tracings together to make the turkey body and head, matching the heels together, and spreading the bottoms apart. Glue.

4. Cut two feet out of the orange scraps, and cut a diamond shape for the beak. Draw the eyes on white paper and cut them out, or use wiggle eyes. Make the wattle out of red construction paper. Glue them onto the body.



5. Glue the red, orange, and yellow construction paper hands behind the brown body to make the tail.



6. Position the two tan hands to either side to make the turkey's wings and glue them in place.

Thanksgiving Word Search

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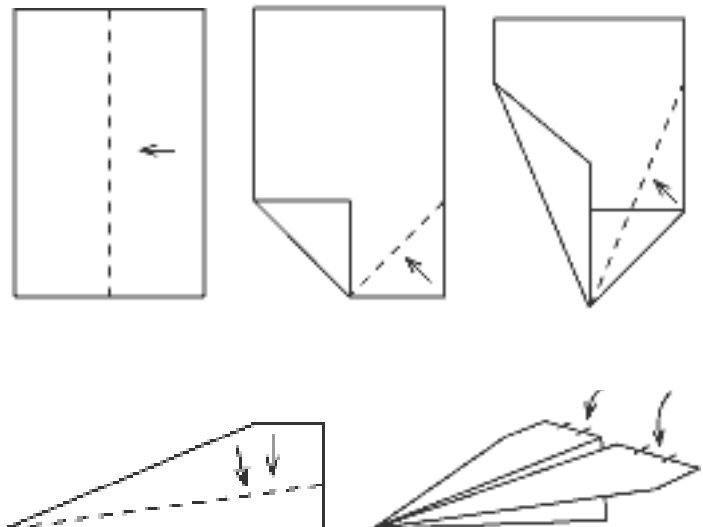
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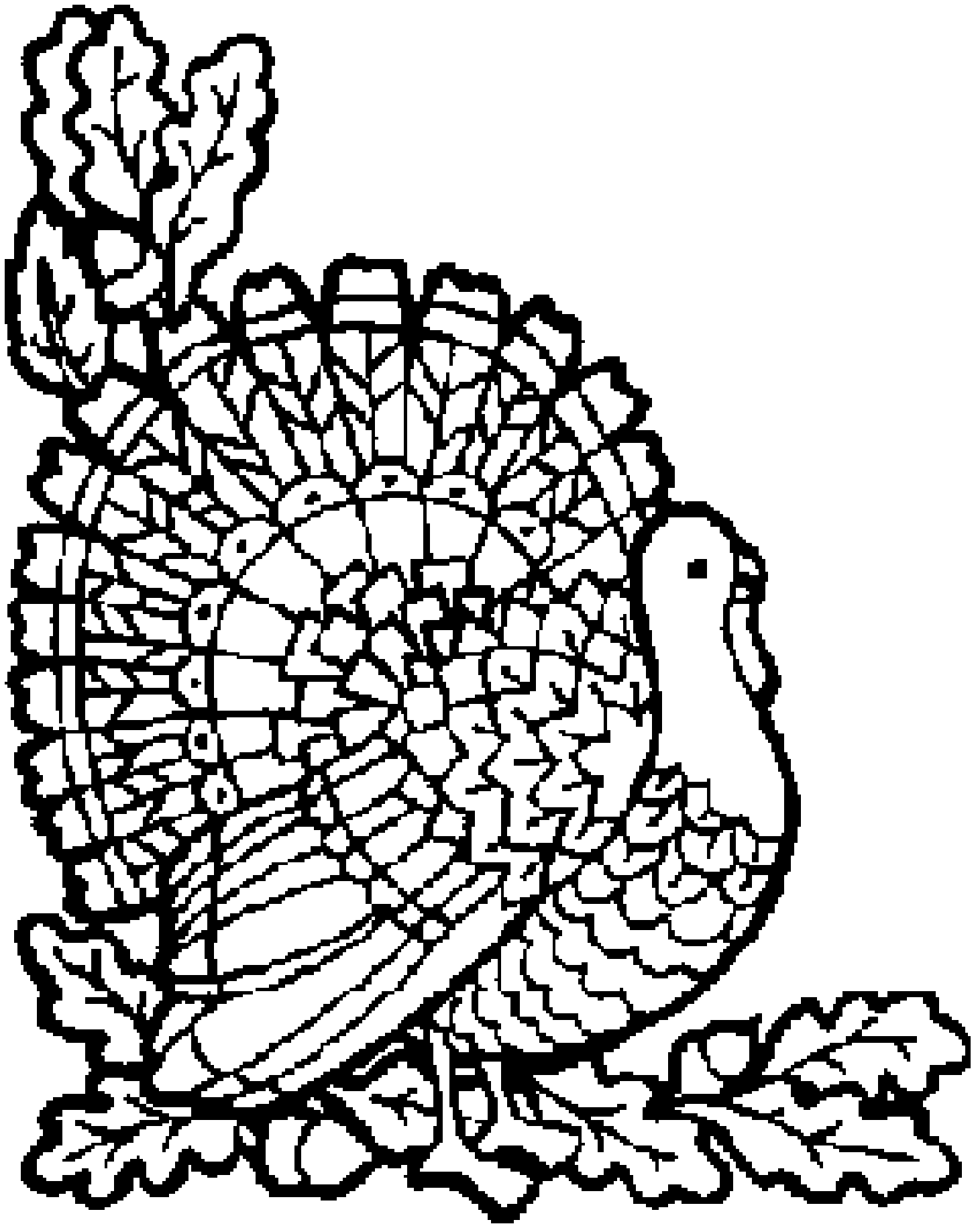
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 TURKEY

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Make A Paper Airplane

Follow the directions below to make your own paper airplane. Color with markers or crayons after making all the folds to personalize it.







Meet the Writers

Nancy Castaneda has had a few poems published. She is currently taking a writing course at the Institute of Children's Literature. Nancy is trying a whole new relm. She love kids and want to continue writing for them. She is currently in the process of trying to have a children's book published. Nancy believe that kids need more quality books in their reach.

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