

THE THANKFUL PUMPKIN

Let's reflect and create a Thankful Pumpkin! This craft allows your autistic kiddo to share what they and the family are thankful for while practicing fine motor skills by cutting, gluing, and writing.



WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Orange construction paper
- Brown construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Colored pencils or markers



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Hold your orange construction paper landscape and cut it down the middle to create two even pieces. Repeat with four more sheets of paper, giving you ten total pieces.
2. Take each of your cut pieces of construction paper and fold them down the middle.
3. On one of your folded pieces, use a pencil to draw half of a pumpkin, starting from the edge where your paper folds.
4. Cut out your pumpkin half and use it as a stencil on your remaining folded pieces of construction paper.
5. Have the family take turns writing what they are thankful for on the inside of each folded pumpkin using a colored pencil or marker.
6. On your brown construction paper, draw a stump for your pumpkin. You could also use green construction paper to form a leaf for your pumpkin stump.
7. To create your pumpkin, take your glue stick and apply it to the outside of your folded piece. Grab another folded piece and stack them onto one another to join. Repeat this with each piece until you have stacked all of your pieces.
8. Before joining the first pumpkin with the last, apply some glue to your stump and place it at the top of your folded pumpkin.
9. Then, apply glue to the outside of your final piece and join the two sides to create your 3D pumpkin!