



**Category:** Crafts

**Sub-Category:** Holidays

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Time Required:** 2 days

## Materials

Midwest Products Co., Inc.

- 1/64" x 12" x 24" Birch Plywood (Stock #5240)
- Basswood Economy Bag (Stock #17)
- Strip Bag (Stock #15)
- Super Sheets Clear, Colored PVC – Gray (Stock #704-04)
- 3mm x 11-1/2" x 11-1/2" Cellfoam 88 (Stock #5920)
- Super Easy Cutter (Stock #1128)
- Super Sander – Fine Grit (Stock #1130)
- Hobby & Craft Ruler (Stock #1125)

Royal Brushes

Available through 800-247-2211; [www.royalbrush.com](http://www.royalbrush.com)

- #1425 - 10 SG Bristle Bright
- #700 – 1/2" SG Golden Taklon Glaze Wash
- #250 -3 SG Golden Taklon Round

DecoArt®

Available through 800-367-3047; [www.decoart.com](http://www.decoart.com)

Americana Acrylics

- Antique Gold 09
- Burnt Sienna 63
- Canyon Orange 238
- Dark Chocolate 065
- Georgia Clay 17
- Napa Red 16
- Sable Brown 61
- Matte Sealer/Finisher DAS13

Beacon Adhesives

Available through 800-865-7238, [www.beaconcreates.com](http://www.beaconcreates.com)

- Kid's Choice Glue

Ranger Industries, Inc.

Available through (732) 389-3535; [www.rangerink.com](http://www.rangerink.com)

- Glossy Accents

Clearsnap, Inc.

Available through (800) 448-4862; [www.clearsnap.com](http://www.clearsnap.com)

Chalk Ink

- Chestnut Roan
- Dark Brown

Karen Foster Design, Inc.

Available through 801-451-9779; [www.karenfosterdesign.com](http://www.karenfosterdesign.com)

Snap Stamps

- Small casual #00372
- Small formal #00376

Delta Creative™, Inc.

Available through 800-423-4135; [www.deltacreative.com](http://www.deltacreative.com)

- Rubber Stampede™ Stamps - Acanthus Background #3320R

Inkadinkado

Available through [www.inkadinkado.com](http://www.inkadinkado.com)

- Leaves Background #95761
- Swirls Background #93892-Y

Miscellaneous Supplies

- Screw Eyes (4)
- Permanent Black Marker
- Needle Nose Pliers
- Old Towel, Rag or Tack Cloth
- 2" Wooden Ball Knob/Doll Head
- 10 mm Jump Rings (2)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paper Towel

## Instructions

Turkey Body

1. Select one block from the Basswood Economy Bag. Sand all edges with Super Sander and wipe off dust with tack cloth. Using the #10 bristle bright brush, base coat the block and ball knob/doll head Sable Brown, let dry. Apply a second coat if necessary and let dry. Attach ball knob/doll head to block with Kid's Choice Glue, let dry. Antique head and body of turkey using the Chestnut Roan chalk ink, let dry. Referring to photo for placement, paint two eyes and eye brows with the #3 round brush and Dark Chocolate, let dry. With the very tip of the #3 round brush and Antique Gold, place a highlight dot in the top right side of each eye, let dry. Spray two thin coats of Matte Sealer/Finisher on the turkey body and head, let dry between coats.

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## Turkey Feathers

- ❑ 2. Using the pattern provided, cut eleven feathers from the Birch Plywood. Sand all edges with Super Sander and wipe off dust with tack cloth. Spray two thin coats of Matte Sealer/Finisher on five of the feathers, let dry between coats. Randomly apply washes of the following paint colors to the remaining 6 feathers with the 1/2" wash brush – Antique Gold, Georgia Clay, Napa Red, Canyon Orange and Burnt Sienna, let dry. Use a paper towel to absorb any puddles of paint. NOTE: A paint wash is a watered down mixture that when applied to the Birch Plywood becomes transparent like a colored stain to enhance the grain of the wood. Using the Chestnut Roan chalk ink and the three background stamps, randomly stamp images on to the painted feathers, let dry. Spray two thin coats of Matte Sealer/Finisher on the painted feathers, let dry between coats. Cut the background feather #1 pattern from the Cellfoam. Using the #10 bristle bright brush, base coat with Dark Chocolate, let dry. Apply a second coat if necessary, let dry. Spray two thin coats of Matte Sealer/Finisher on the background feather #1, let dry between coats. Cut the background feather #2 pattern from the Gray PVC, using a fine point permanent marker.

## Assembling Turkey Feathers

- ❑ 3. Apply a thin coat of Glossy Accents to back of background feather #1 (Cellfoam) and attach background feather #2 (Gray PVC). Turn over so that Gray PVC is on the bottom and the painted Cellfoam is on the top. Referring to photo for placement, attached the five plain feathers to the painted Cellfoam using Kid's Choice Glue. Apply the six painted feathers using the Kid's Choice Glue. Place on a flat surface with several large books or phone books on top, let dry overnight.

## Give Thanks Sign

- ❑ 4. Measure a 2" by 2" square of Cellfoam using the Hobby & Craft Ruler and pencil. Base coat top and edges with Antique Gold, using the 1/2" wash brush, let dry. Apply a second coat if necessary, let dry. Ink up the Acanthus background stamp with Chestnut Roan chalk ink and stamp on to the sign. Using both sets of Snap Stamps, spell the word GIVE and stamp on the top half of the sign, using the Dark Brown chalk ink. Spell the word THANKS and stamp on the bottom half of the sign, using the Dark Brown chalk ink. Antique the edges of the sign with the Chestnut Roan chalk ink. Spray two thin coats of Matte Sealer/Finisher on the sign, let dry between coats.

## Turkey Legs and Feet

- ❑ 5. Select two square dowels from the Strip Bag to use as legs. Using the Hobby & Craft Ruler mark off 10" and trim with Super Easy Cutter. Sand all edges with Super Sander and wipe off dust with tack cloth. Using pattern provided, trace and cut two feet patterns from the Birch Plywood. Sand all edges with Super Sander and wipe off dust with tack cloth. Base coat both legs and feet with Canyon Orange using the 1/2" wash brush, let dry. Apply a second coat if necessary, let dry. Antique the edges with the Chestnut Roan chalk ink. Spray two thin coats of Matte Sealer/Finisher, let dry between coats. Referring to photo for placement, attach the feet to the legs with Kid's Choice Glue, let dry.

## Turkey Features

- ❑ 6. Using patterns provided, trace then cut out one beak and one waddle from Birch Plywood. Sand all edges with Super Sander and wipe off dust with tack cloth. Base coat beak with Antique Gold and waddle with Napa Red using the 1/2" wash brush, let dry. Apply a second coat if necessary, let dry. Using the #3 round brush and Dark Chocolate paint two small dots at the top of the beak, let dry. Antique edges with the Chestnut Roan chalk ink. Spray two thin coats of Matte Sealer/Finisher, let dry between coats.

## Assembly

- ❑ 7. For placement of the screw eyes, use the Hobby & Craft Ruler to measure 1/2" in from the side edge along the bottom of the turkey body. Insert screw eyes into the two marks on the turkey body and into the top of each leg. Use the needle nose pliers to turn the screw eyes if necessary. Using the needle nose pliers, open both jump rings. Insert the first "pair" of screw eyes into one jump ring and close. Repeat this step for the second "pair" of screw eyes. Place the turkey feathers down on a flat work surface. Referring to photo for placement, attach the turkey body to the turkey feathers with Kid's Choice Glue. Attach the Give Thanks sign to the front of the turkey. Attach the waddle and beak just under the eyes on the turkey's face. Let all glue dry completely. Place on the edge of a shelf or ledge, so that the legs dangle.

Design Idea – Stamp the names of your family on the sign instead of Give Thanks and use as place cards for your Thanksgiving dinner table.

