

# Turkeys Are Terrific!

The Life and Lore of Turkeys



# Let's talk turkey!

- Hens= mommies



- Toms= daddies



- Poults=babies



- Jenny=little girl



- Jake=little boy



- Rafter=flock



# You can act like a turkey!

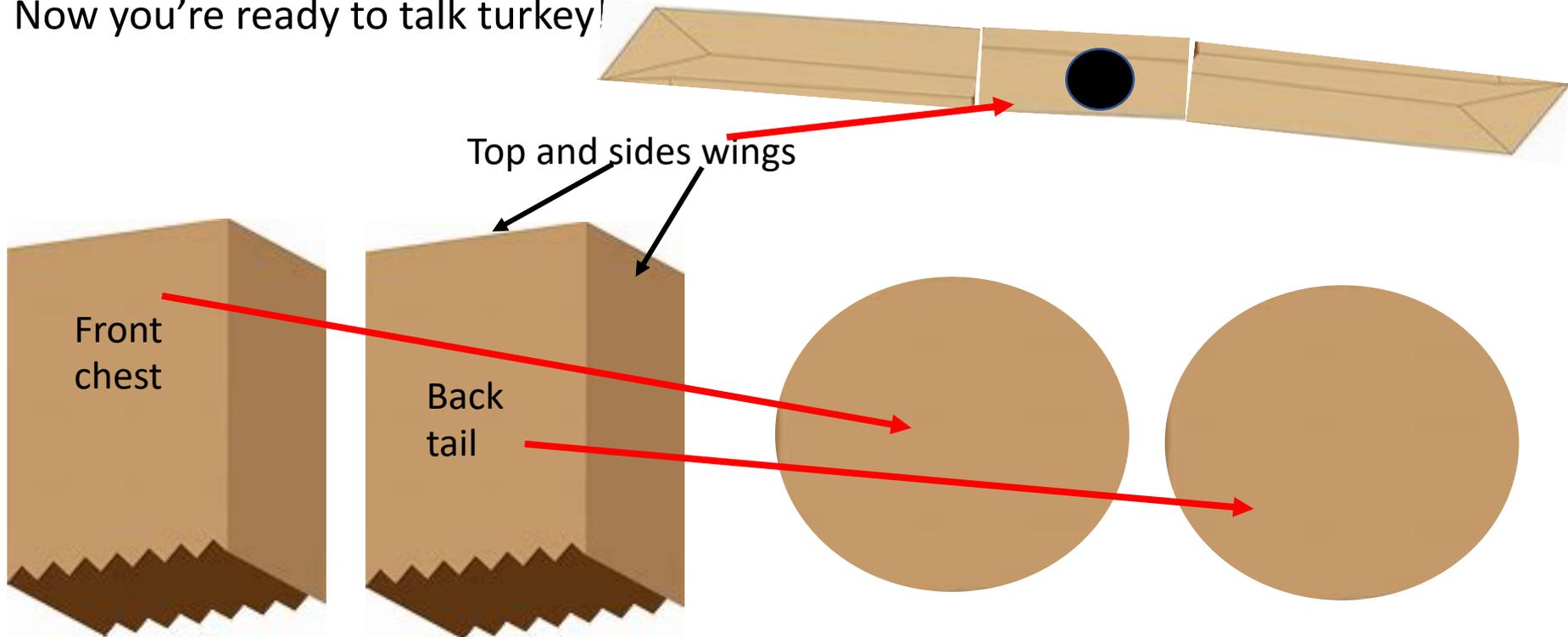
- First make your nest and turkey costume.



- You can strut (puffy chest forward and hands in back forming tails).
- You can roost (sit on=squat)
- You can gobble.
- You can be a turkey hen and sit on a homemade nest (crushed brown paper bags).

# You can make a turkey costume from paper bags!

- Take a paper grocery bag and cut the back off.
- Now cut it into a circle and draw or paint feathers on it to be a tail.
- Cut the sides and top off and cut them into wings, making a neck opening in the top. Now decorate the wings with feathers.
- Use the front piece to be the chest, cutting it into a circle and decorating with feathers.
- Now you're ready to talk turkey!



- Turkeys have feathers.
- They eat seeds. They live in forests.
- Toms are colorful so they are handsome.
- Hens' dull feathers blend in so they are hidden in the brush.



- Turkeys have beards. These are ropes of feathers, mainly on toms.
- Turkeys have wattles droopy flesh hanging from the neck, snoods look like elephant trunks hanging over the beak, and bumpy caruncles on the head.
- Turkeys have spurs on their feet. The sharp spurs are used are used for fighting.
- Turkeys have 6000 feathers. They have 18 tail feathers and 10 feathers on each wing. Feathers are used to keep the turkey warm and dry, display, and fly.



snood

caruncles

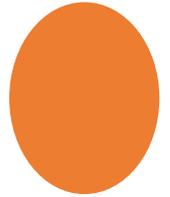
wattles

beard

spurs



- Turkeys make nests at the bottom of trees..
- Turkeys can run 10-12 miles an hour and fly 50 miles an hour for short distances.
- Turkeys are omnivores eating seeds, leaves, berries, insects, worms and other small prey.



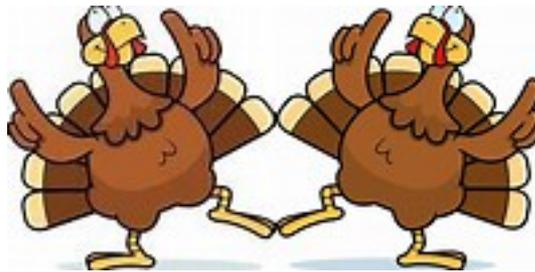
You can do a fingerplay!

- *The turkey is a funny bird (hands make big belly)*
- *Its head goes wobble, wobble (side to side)*
- *And the only thing that it can say (up and down)*
- *Is gobble, gobble, gobble! (front and back)*



You can do the *Turkey Pokey* to the tune of *Hokey Pokey*!

- *You put your right wing (arm) in.  
You put your left wing out.  
You put your drumstick (leg) in,  
And you shake it all about.  
You do the turkey pokey  
And you turn your self around.  
That's what it's all about.*
- *You put your stuffing (tummy) in.  
You put your wattle (head) out.  
You put your tail feathers (bottom)  
in,  
And you shake it all about.  
You do the turkey pokey  
And you turn your self around.  
That's what it's all about!*



# All About Turkeys

You can read a turkey story!



A daddy turkey is called a Tom  
The Hen is what we call the mom.



The girl is a Jenny the boy a Jake  
The baby Poult from eggs will break.



The caruncles are bumps on the head,  
head,  
Which can change from blue to red.



The droopy part is called the snood,  
And berries, seed and grass its food.



# Be a turkey scout!

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Take a walk around your house to find good places for:

- roosting,
- feeding,
- and hiding.



# Edible turkey yummys!

## **Eat like a turkey!**

Make your own trail mix of dried cranberries and other fruit, nuts, seeds,-- turkey foods!



## **Make a turkey tail!**

- You can make a yummy turkey adding nuts and seeds and dried fruit to Turkey's tail.



Be a turkey imagineer! What kind of turkey art can you do?

Do feather painting.

Make a model magic, stick and grass nest in a bowl.

Tear up some colored paper to decorate your turkey with a paper feather collage.



# You can make a mini-book!

- Fold the paper in half
- Then in half again.

