

Thanksgiving Centerpieces

Social Studies/Art

Use homemade candles and seasonal items to make a beautiful Thanksgiving table centerpiece.

What You Need

- candles (homemade or store bought)
- seasonal items: colorful dry leaves, small gourds/pumpkins, red berries (dried or natural), small, dried corncobs, straw, hay
- paper plates

What to Do

1. Give each student a paper plate and tell the class that they can decorate centerpieces however they like, using the provided materials.
2. If students are looking for suggestions, suggest putting a candle in the center of a plate and stringing straw and berries (if they are still attached to a branch) around the candle. Encourage students to make geometric designs with the seasonal items.

Teaching Options

- The students can strategically place family photos within their centerpieces.
- Have students write poems or lists about why they are thankful at this time of year. They can then place their work within the centerpiece.