

For Thanksgiving

Centerpiece Gives Your Table More Festive Appearance

Add a more festive appearance to your Thanksgiving table with this unique turkey centerpiece you can make yourself. All you need are two Pure-Pak milk cartons, a pair of scissors, some construction paper, glue, brown paper bags and two balloons.

Materials:
 1 empty gallon Pure-Pak milk carton (rinsed thoroughly)
 1 empty half-pint Pure-Pak milk carton (rinsed thoroughly)

1 medium size bottle of glue
 6 8 1/2" x 11" sheets red construction paper
 1 8 1/2" x 11" sheet orange construction paper
 brown paper bags (as needed)

2 small red balloons (1 round, 1 long)
 2 black eyed peas

Prepare the head of the turkey first. Using the half-pint carton, place the spout in the open or pouring position, press the edges of the spout together and tape. Cover the carton, except for the spout, with red construction paper. Cover the spout with orange construction paper. This forms the beak. Attach round balloon to the underside of the carton just behind the beak.

Attach the other balloon above the beak to make the bottom of the comb. For the body, close and seal the gable of the gallon carton with tape or staples so it looks unopened and cover with paper from one of the paper bags. Place the large carton on its side, turn the small carton upside down and glue them together, gable to gable. Trim off the extra part of the gable from the small carton.

To make the turkey's comb, use a piece of red construction paper about three inches wide and the length of the small carton. Fold in half lengthwise, make a quarter-inch fold



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with which to attach it to the small carton, notch the paper to look like feathers and glue it in place on the top of the small carton.

For the tail, use a full sheet of red construction paper and fold it into a fan. Fold the fan-shaped paper in half lengthwise and glue edges together at bottom to form fan. Glue to the end of the large carton.

To cover the body, cut stripes approximately one inch by three inches from paper bags. Run scissor blade over strips to curl paper and

glue to all sides of the large carton. For the head, cut strips one quarter inch by two inches from red construction paper, use the scissor blade to curl them and glue to all sides of the small carton.

As a finishing touch, put a drop of glue on the black eyed peas, touch them to a piece of cotton and glue the cotton-backed peas to the small carton above the beak to form the eyes.

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Safety Association Says Autumn

Increases Night Driving Hazards

On a mile-for-mile basis, night driving is more than twice as dangerous as daytime driving, and according to Joseph M. Molloy, Managing Director of Citizens Safety Association, a United Way Agency, the night driving hazard will increase this fall as the hours of darkness extend into the early evening and late afternoon commuter rush hours.

Molloy cited National Safety Council statistics showing that the night mileage death rate in the U. S. is 7.4 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, while the daytime mileage rate is 2.9 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles. On weekdays, he said, the number of fatal accidents greatly increases between the hours of 4:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Traffic congestion, haste and fatigue all contribute to the increased fatality toll during the evening commuting hours, he explained, but the earlier hours of darkness during the fall and winter months add an especially deadly component to the mix of rush hour hazards.

"Darkness," Molloy said, "reduces the clarity of the visual cues essential for safe driving. Judging distance and speed becomes more difficult, and a driver's peripheral vision is reduced," he added, "so that pedestrians and bicyclists along the roadside can seem to appear out of nowhere."

The first rule of safe night driving, according to Molloy is to slow down and stay alert.

"Motorists often overestimate their night vision when they are driving in familiar areas," Molloy said, "because they easily can pick-out objects that they are expecting along the roadway ahead. However, it takes much more time to recognize unexpected hazards at night," he added, "and that longer recognition time means that a driver must keep his speed down and his eyes moving in order to spot dangerous traffic situations before he drives into them."

Night driving speeds, according to Molloy, can vary depending on visibility conditions, but a driver should never travel so fast that he cannot stop within the distance illuminated by his headlights. Under clear weather conditions and on a straight stretch of road,

most low-beam headlights will illuminate the pavement ahead for a distance of about 250 feet, Molloy said. By comparison, he said, most automobiles can come to complete stop within 226 feet on dry pavement from a speed of 55 miles per hour.

However, headlight glare from an approaching car can reduce visibility to as little as 100 feet, Molloy said, and rain, haze or road conditions such as curves and hills can reduce vision even further while stopping distance remains the same or increases.

Keeping headlights and other vehicle lighting systems properly maintained will maximize their efficiency, Molloy said, and he added that lights should be cleaned at every fuel stop along with the vehicle's windows. He advised cleaning lenses more frequently in wet weather when road spatter drying on the glass or plastic can cut illumination in half.

Molloy also said that a check of headlight alignment should be part of every motorist's periodic vehicle maintenance checklist.

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