



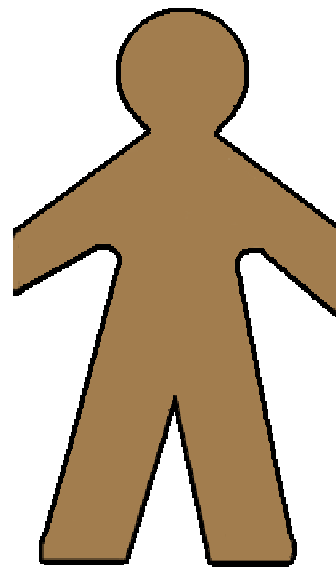
Paper Doll Centerpiece

It's difficult to find an art project doable for small children that won't leave older kids twirling their iPod cords in boredom. These Thanksgiving centerpieces will keep them all occupied, so you can

peel those last few pounds of potatoes.

What you'll need:

- Scissors, ruler, pencil
- 1 (19-by-25-inch) sheet of Canson Colorline paper
- Newspaper
- Colored paper
- Ribbon or yarn
- Glitter
- Pom-poms
- Markers
- Any other decorations
- Child-safe scissors
- Child-safe glue



How to make it:

1. Cut paper lengthwise into 3 equal pieces. Working on one piece at a time, use the ruler to measure and a pencil to mark five 5-inch vertical segments (but don't cut them). Fold paper along the pencil lines in alternating directions, accordion-style.
2. Keep the paper vertical and folded. Draw the shape of a paper doll (see above) on the top segment. Make sure the outline reaches all the edges of the paper.
3. Cut out the doll shape through all the layers, making sure not to cut through where the dolls' hands join. Open the string of paper dolls.
4. Set out the decorations (no pom-poms or other choking hazards for kids under 3, of course) along with child-safe scissors and glue. Have your children decorate the dolls — to look like your dinner guests, maybe?
5. Stand the dolls down the center of the table, or in a ring around a hurricane candle or potted flowers (just join the ends with glue or tape).

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