

## Turkey Dressing Art & Craft Project:

To fully enjoy this art & craft project, first visit a library and read these two Thanksgiving stories where the turkeys are invited to be *at* the table instead of *on* the table for the Thanksgiving meal (or buy the books online or at a book store).

- *'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving* by Dav Pilkey
- *A Turkey For Thanksgiving* by Eve Bunting

Next, think of a creative way to “dress” the attached turkey so he/she won’t be eaten for Thanksgiving dinner. Your disguise is like a costume that would keep this turkey incognito (hidden).

Consider using crayons, colored paper, markers, fabric, aluminum foil, or anything else you have around the house to disguise your turkey. Here are some ideas:

- ✓ Astronaut
- ✓ Baby
- ✓ Grandma or Grandpa
- ✓ Elvis
- ✓ Abraham Lincoln or George Washington
- ✓ Superhero (Spiderman, Incredible Hulk, etc.)
- ✓ Cartoon Character
- ✓ Baseball or other sports player
- ✓ Tourist

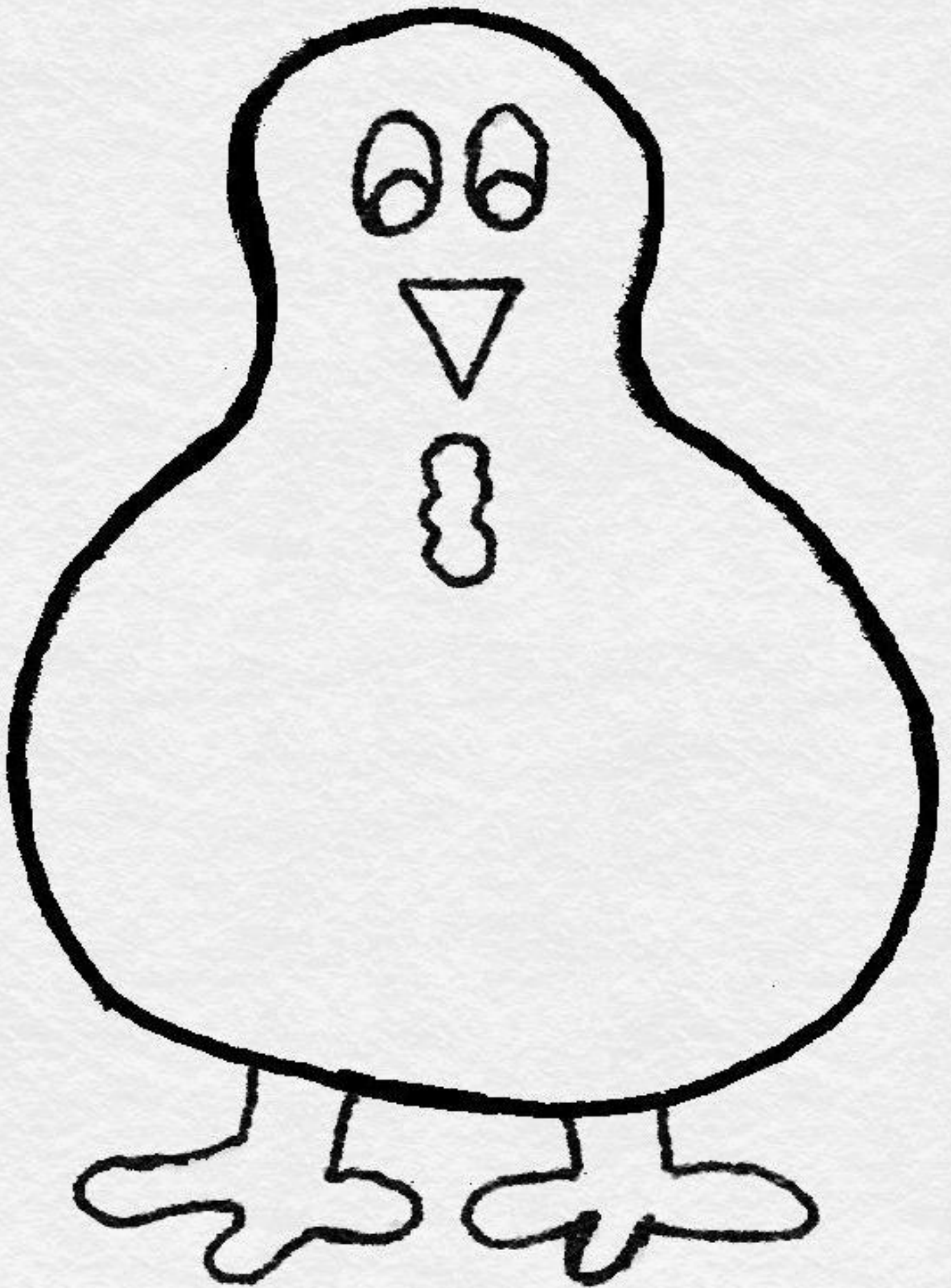
\* Be sure to include shoes, hats, accessories, etc. if appropriate.

\* Be creative!!!

Now it’s time to tell your friends and family about your turkey’s dressing. First, plan out how to describe your turkey’s disguise. Then, write a paragraph (at least 5 sentences) that explains your turkey’s outfit, why it would be a good disguise, where your turkey plans to “hide out” during Thanksgiving week, and so forth. Be sure to proofread your final paragraph for proper capital letters, spelling, and punctuation. Think of a title or use this one: *“Don’t Eat Me!”* Try to include several descriptive and sensory words in your paragraph. Finally, use your very best printing or cursive writing and write a final draft. Parents: please help your child use a dictionary to proofread the words for this writing activity.

Time for the reveal – share your turkey and story to your family and friends. Have a great time dressing your turkey!!! Optional: Have a Contest to pick the best disguises.





## *Don't Eat Me!*

My turkey is dressed as \_\_\_\_\_ . I used \_\_\_\_\_ to make this costume. This is a good disguise because \_\_\_\_\_ . I got this idea from \_\_\_\_\_ . My turkey plans to "hide out" during Thanksgiving week at \_\_\_\_\_ .

# Disguise a Turkey / Turkey Dressing CONTEST

If a small group of people have disguised turkeys,  
have a “contest” using some (or all) of these categories.

## Categories:

- **Best Use of Paper**
- **Most Unique Idea**
- **Best “Cartoon Character”**
- **Most Colorful**
- **Best Use of Household Items**
- **Most Realistic Looking**
- **Best Overall “Disguise”**
- **Grand Overall Winner = Group/Class Favorite**