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Thanksgiving noisemaker

This is a favorite in my family. I adapted a chicken design idea my mom got from my Aunt Mary Lou to make this Turkey Day noisemaker. It's a fun way to entertain the kids while the bird is cooking.

Supplies:

Plastic cup, brown paper bag or craft paper, clear-drying craft glue, a handful of craft feathers, 18' of red felt scrap, yellow felt scrap, two googly eyes, cotton string, and sponge, soldering iron, breathing mask

1) In a well ventilated area, put on your breathing mask and turn the plastic cup upside down and use the soldering iron to burn two holes about a half inch apart. When you melt the holes through the plastic there will be fumes, so it's best to do this step away from the kids.

2) Thread the string through the hole and knot. Position the string so it hangs down through the center of the cup. Cut a 1" x 2" piece of sponge and tie it to the end of string hanging out of the cup.

3) Cut or tear small pieces of a brown paper bag. Coat the outside of the cup with craft glue and layer apply overlapping pieces of brown paper, covering the whole surface. Set aside to dry.

4) Glue the feathers to the back of the cup and set aside to dry. Then glue the googly eyes, beak and wattle to the front of the cup. Let dry.

5) Wet the sponge slightly, then pinch it around the string just under the cup to make an obnoxious screeching turkey sound.

