

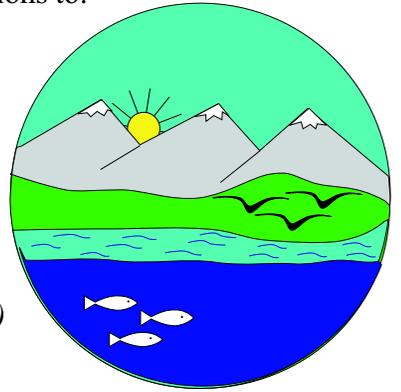
# ~ ASK MOTHER NATURE ~



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Dear Mother Nature

Do pine trees grow flowers? Love, Cora (age 7)

Dear Cora,

Pine trees don't have the kind of flowers that we usually see. Instead, they have pine cones. Pine cones have seeds inside that birds and small animals (like squirrels) eat.

Pine cones can also be used to measure moisture or humidity in the air. Try the experiment below to see what happens.

Naturally yours,  
Mother Nature

## You will need:

- 1 pine cone
- 1 bowl of water



1. Put the pine cone in the water



2. Wait one hour



3. Did the pine cone change?

4. Take the pine cone out of the water

5. Put it in a warm, sunny spot

6. How long does it take until it opens again?

7. Try this experiment again with different pine cones.



## Pine Cone Turkeys

You will need:

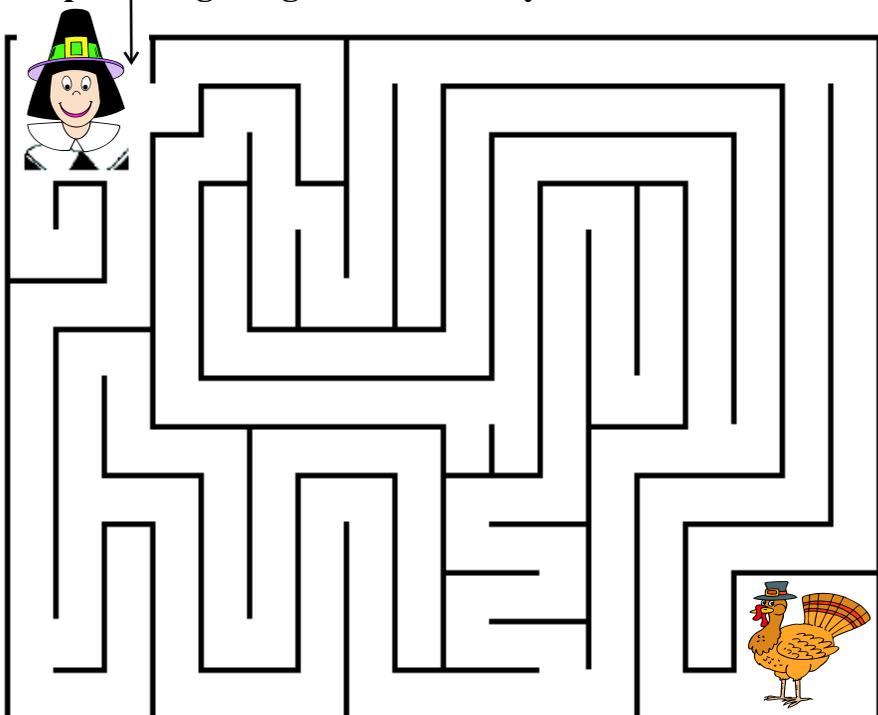
- 1 pine cone
- 1 red pipe cleaner (4")
- 5-7 colored pipe cleaners (7")
- White glue
- A piece of wood
- Scissors or wire cutters

Directions:

1. Shape the red pipe cleaner into an S (the head)  
Glue it into the front of the pointy end of the cone
2. Shape the colored pipe cleaners into feathers-twist at bottom  
Glue them onto the fat rounded end of the cone
3. Glue your turkey onto a piece of wood
4. Set it in the center of the table for all to admire

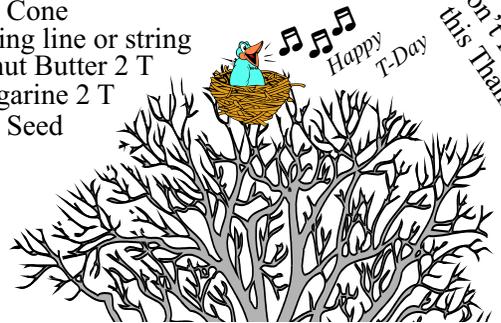


## Help the Pilgrim get to the turkey!



## Pine Cone Bird Feeder

- Pine Cone
- Fishing line or string
- Peanut Butter 2 T
- Margarine 2 T
- Bird Seed



1. Tie a long piece of line around the top of the cone
2. Mix peanut butter and margarine together
3. Spread mix on pine cone with a butter knife
4. Pour bird seed on a plate
5. Roll pine cone in bird seed
6. Have an adult hang your feeder in a tree

Don't forget the birds  
this Thanksgiving!

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