

5. When the gelatin is solid, turn the pan upside down on a plate and carefully remove it. Cut the striped gelatin into slices and put one on a paper plate for each child, to represent a flag.
6. Show children a picture of the United States flag. Invite them to squirt tiny drops of whipped cream in the top corner of their gelatin slices to represent stars.

**MORE TO DO**

Ask the children to find out if any of their family members or family friends are veterans. Have them share the information with the group.

**Books:** Read books about Betsy Ross and the flag.

**Group or Circle Time:** Talk about the significance of the colors red, white, and blue.

**Music:** Sing patriotic songs with the children.

**RELATED BOOKS**

*Betsy Ross* by Alexandra Wallner

*Red, White and Blue: The Story of the American Flag* by John Herman

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## WHAT IS A CORNUCOPIA?

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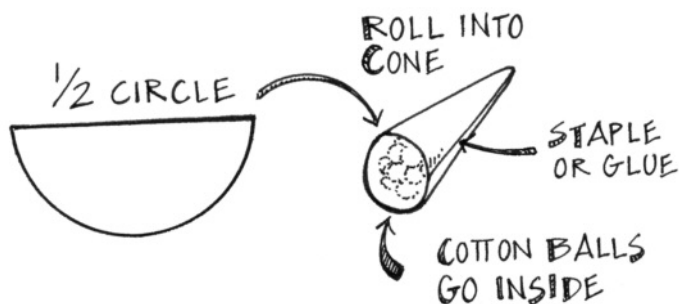
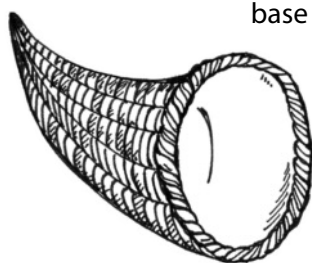
**MATERIALS**

pictures of cornucopias  
cone-shaped paper cups and brown crayons or brown construction paper  
scissors  
stapler  
craft glue  
9" x 6" blue or green construction paper  
cotton balls  
seed catalogs or magazines with food pictures

**WHAT TO DO**

- Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.
1. Show pictures of cornucopias. If possible, bring a real one to class and let the children guess what they are used for.
  2. Explain to the children that a *cornucopia* is an ancient symbol for abundance. It has become a symbol for Thanksgiving, a day set aside for giving thanks for abundance.
  3. Give each child a cone-shaped drinking cup. Ask them to color their cups brown. If you do not have cone-shaped cups, cut out 8" circles from brown paper and give one to each child. Help the children fold their circles into a cone shape and staple.
  4. Ask the children to glue or staple their cones onto the blue or green paper.
  5. Have them glue cotton balls inside their cones.

6. Encourage them to cover the cotton balls with pictures of food cut from catalogs and magazines. Let some of the pictures spill out onto the base paper.



**MORE TO DO**

**Games:** Take some fruits and vegetables out of a cornucopia or basket and play a take-away memory game with the children.

**RELATED BOOKS**

- Happy Thanksgiving, Biscuit* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- My First Thanksgiving* by Tomie dePaola
- Thanksgiving Is for Giving Thanks* by Margaret Sutherland



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# IF YOU'RE THANKFUL AND YOU KNOW IT

FINGERPLAYS, SONGS, & POEMS

**MATERIALS**

none

**WHAT TO DO**

- Thanksgiving is celebrated the fourth Thursday of November.
- 1. Sing the following song to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It."

*If you're thankful and you know it, clap your hands.  
If you're thankful and you know it, clap your hands.  
If you're thankful and you know it, then your face will surely show it.  
If you're thankful and you know it, clap your hands.*

- 2. Substitute other actions your hands or face could do when thankful.

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