

A Collection of Special Recipes by the
Molecules in Room 149

How to Cook a Turkey



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Ben

Oh, I don't know. You have to get a turkey from a farm and kill it. Then, you have to bake it in the oven for two minutes or so at 45 degrees. Then, you wait for it to cool off and eat it. I eat the turkey with my family, like my cousins. I have some water with my turkey. If we have any turkey left, we can put it in the refrigerator. For desert, we have ice cream; it goes well with turkey. My favorite way to eat turkey is to eat it with my gran'ma and gran'pa. That's probably the best way to cook a turkey: have your gran'ma do it.

Gregory

I would get me a live turkey and kill it. I would get the feathers off and the meat out and get the bumpy skin, the skin that real turkeys have on it. Before I would cook it, I would put hot sauce on it. First I would put the hot sauce in the oven or on the stove or in the microwave to get it hotter, because I love hot except when I get burned. Then, I would put it in the refrigerator for a while. Then I would put it in the oven. Then I would put it in the refrigerator and then the oven again for a little while longer. Then I would take it out and put it on the counter just like my Pop-up does. He usually makes the turkey and pumpkin pie! When the turkey is done, we just cut it in half and eat it.

To go with the turkey, I would make a lot of chicken and bacon because they are my favorite things to eat. And eggs! And grilled cheese. Let me think, what else? Something that's easy to make; something that I used to make all the time by myself when my mommy was asleep. Peanut butter and jelly.

I would try to make a pumpkin pie but if I explode the whole house, we won't have any phone to call 911. If you don't turn the oven off, the house could burn up. Or those cord things that the plugs go into, if those are loose, don't mess with those.

My favorite Thanksgiving was when my Pop-up, and my daddy and my mom made the turkey. Turkey is my most favorite thing to eat. My favorite parts are the meat and the skin. I get the turkey from the Giant or the Subway. Not subway, that 's the one they have the subs. I do like Chinese turkey. It has this kind of funny taste but I still like it. It has skin and meat inside it just like the regular one, but it's a little bit different because sometime they have Chinese meat on the top; I don't know what that meat is but I do like it. But my mommy doesn't eat Chinese food anymore. She might try it again. We would used to eat it all the time when we lived in our old apartment.

Marcus

You cook it with cinnamon rolls and apples. You cut it up and cook it. Eat it yum yum yummy!

Haley

I don't know. My mom makes the turkey at our house. She buys the turkey from the store and brings it home and chops it up and puts it in a pot of hot water. I would do it the same way. She adds tiny bits of salt to make it taste. Nothing else in the water. Last year she didn't put any salt in. She takes the skin off for us to eat. We eat the meat, too.

We don't eat the bones. We do something with the bones. We are going to make something, maybe a tower. First we have to wash the bones off and scrape them with a knife. Then we put them just so. This will be our first year doing stuff with the bones. It will be just like making a doll's house. Then we'll paint it and bring it carefully up to my room. There'll be openings like doors and windows for my dolls.

You also put sauce on the turkey. It's not hot because I do not like hot. It's nice. It's very good sauce. We also eat beans and stuff. My daddy will put anything on a turkey. Sometimes he puts

chocolate on the turkey and eats it. But my mom will never let him. Sometimes he will try to but he never gets to.

He never cooks the turkey but he has broken the wishbone with me. And every year I have won. Whoever gets the longer piece wins, and that means your wish comes true. I don't know what I'll wish for this year but last year I wished to have a puppy. And my wish came true. But Pepper, my puppy, won't get any turkey. Because dogs are not really thankful for a lot of stuff at Thanksgiving.

We always have a late, late dinner because my dad has to work on Thanksgiving. My mommy has to stay at home with me, of course. After dinner we have some chocolates.

Jack M.

I've never made a turkey. But I would glue stuff like feathers on the side, at the back. Actually I would go to a paper factory to make the turkey out of paper.

But for a turkey I am going to eat, I would go to a barn and get a turkey and cut the skin off. And I would eat the inside. My mom would help take out the blood. And then I would eat it. I would cook it

first. Does “raw” mean bad? I would put it in the hot water. I don’t know yet if I would put anything else in the water. I don’t like pepper. I don’t eat salt, either. I don’t eat rosemary or oregano. But I do like cinnamon. I like to chew on cinnamon sticks but I don’t have them with turkey.

My mom would help. I didn’t make the turkey last year. But I did see people making fish when I was on vacation. Fish eat dog food. I don’t know what turkeys eat. You can’t cook turkey the same way as fish, because they are different.

To go with my turkey on my plate, I would eat bread and chicken nuggets and maybe like fruit or hot-dogs. For desert I would have one of my trick or treat candies.

The Thanksgiving before last I had people coming over, and we had a party together. There were these party things, like a maze and a word search and we couldn’t find all the words. I’d like to do that this year, but writing on a turkey isn’t so good.

I would drink water or milk with the turkey. But I don’t pour drinks. One time I poured water and I didn’t even spill.

I don’t know any other tips.

Alex

I’ve got some more ideas. I would put the turkey in a pot on the stove and boil it in a flat pan. Not in water but in alcohol. I am not sure what you do after you’ve done that, but you don’t just invite some friends. You need to get plates out and put them on the table and, then, you can invite them. You can also invite your aunts and cousins.

I can make some drinks like lemonade and an orange drink and Sprite. And you can also eat different stuff not just turkey. It would be boring if you ate just turkey. Ham and applesauce would be good with turkey.

Oh, you gave me a good idea. I think a fun Thanksgiving party dessert would be like popsicles and stuff.

After you’ve done eating, you can put on some music and dance. And after the party’s done, “bye-bye.”



Lilly

My mom gets the turkey. She puts it in the oven with some gravy, and then it's all done. We eat it off the bones. We put gravy on the turkey and have sweet potatoes but not in the turkey. We have cranberry juice but not sauce. I drink water. We have different kinds of dessert: ice cream and ice cream sandwiches and popsicles.

My Aunt Melissa and my grandma and grandpa come for Thanksgiving. After dinner, I ask my Aunt Melissa to pick me up and put me on the swings. She pushes me higher and higher, and it makes my tummy feel good.

Monique

I don't know how to cook turkey. Nobody in my house cooks turkey. Well, they do, but I forgot how. If you gave me a turkey, I would eat it raw and I would eat it all. My favorite food though is chicken, but we don't have that because of my mom. We have beef instead. My mom cooks it. She adds a little salt and puts it on the stove. We also have rice. Nothing else. For dessert, we have ice cream!

We drink juice, any juice, with Thanksgiving. We also open presents; oh, that's Christmas. But me and my aunties are there.

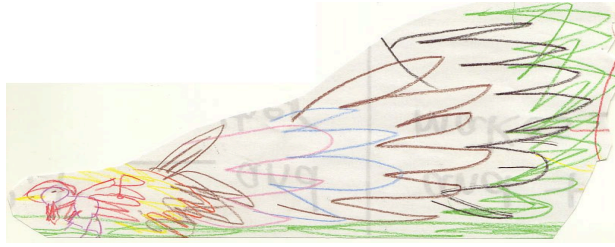
Jack W.

We cut the turkey's face off and, then, we put it in the oven. We take it out, put it on a plate and then eat it with a fork. You can drink milk and eat jell-o with turkey. That's all; no stuffing or gravy. But you can have mashed potatoes and carrots.

For dessert you have jell-o and chocolate soda. You put soda in there and then you mix it with chocolate. Try that.

After dinner we play games. We try to throw a stick into a round circle. If you win, you get a shiny stick that you get to keep for the rest of your life. And then you go to a national place to win a real big one.

I take the real, leftover turkey up to my bedroom and then I go back downstairs with the turkey. That's all. I cook it up in my room. I have an oven up there that I cook with; things like hot soda and broccoli. I would like to show you how to cook chocolate with broccoli. But not for Thanksgiving.



Christopher

I don't make a turkey. We never made one.

Nicholas

"The turkey comes from the farm and he goes gobble gobble. They bring the turkey in a car to the grocery store. Then they have to die the turkey next. They have to take the feathers off. And then Mommy takes the turkey home. Mommy cuts the head off the turkey. Then she cuts off the legs. Mommy puts it in the oven with some ingredients and then Mommy gives it to us. Then I eat it and it tastes good. But I like dessert best, especially chocolate! The end."

Subha

First, I get a turkey from my yard. Then I would cut him out very fine with a fork or something. I would cook it on a fire after I put dots on the turkey. The dots are made of chicken pox. They make it taste better. It would cook for forty minutes. And then we eat it. Particularly the creamy part. We eat rice with the turkey. My dad makes salad. My mom knows all kinds of vegetables. She is a good cook. I drink water with the turkey. For dessert, we have creamy carrot cake. My friends come and they bring cake, chicken nuggets and carrots. Afterwards, we watch Smiley TV.

Vanessa

I would feed my turkey and then put it back in its cage. When Thanksgiving comes, I would fight it, and it will turn into a turkey for Thanksgiving. My mommy and grandma take off the skin and put it in the oven, all by itself. We cook it for twenty minutes in a warm oven. Then, I take it out and eat it. I take the bone and put it up to my teeth. I eat cranberry sauce and a little bit of gravy. I've had dressing but I don't like it because it almost made me throw up. My dad makes the dressing. My brother likes it. But I like cranberry sauce. For dessert, I eat apple pie. My mom makes it. My sister sets the table. I help

everybody cook. I help mush up the cranberries with the cranberry spoon.



Ruhmat

For Thanksgiving, I would make macaroni and cheese. But if you really want turkey, make it big. Cook it on a fire with its feathers on. When it's done, bring it to the table. Moms cut it up. I also eat mashed potatoes and chips. I drink water with coke. For dessert, we have cereal. My uncles will be there with my mom and dad and me. They will make the turkey. My mom will make the mash potatoes. I will make the cereal: ovals with milk.

