

# Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day is a yearly national holiday in the United States and Canada. It is the day that honors the harvest and other bounties of the previous year.



## Thanksgiving Day Definition & Meaning

Thanksgiving Day is a recognized national holiday in the United States, Canada, Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Liberia, and is observed on various dates.

Thanksgiving Day is a yearly national holiday that is characterized by religious observances and a traditional meal that includes turkey.

## When Is Thanksgiving Day?

Thanksgiving Day is observed annually on the last Thursday in November, as decreed by President Abraham Lincoln. In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared the fourth Thursday in November to be Thanksgiving Day, and Congress approved it in 1941.

## **Thanksgiving Day History**

There is some deep recorded history and the origin of Thanksgiving Day. The first recorded instance of the yearly Thanksgiving holiday tradition in the United States dates back to 1619, in what is now known as the Commonwealth of Virginia. The first American Thanksgiving undoubtedly took place in New England. The Pilgrim settlers, who established Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts in 1620, celebrated it. President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day on the last Thursday in November 1863, and Congress adopted the current date in 1941.

## **Thanksgiving Day Purpose, Importance**

In the United States, Thanksgiving Day is a public holiday. The days of Thanksgiving were observed by many colonies and states for more than two centuries. Let's take a look at why Thanksgiving Day is celebrated.

### **Honor the Harvest**

Thanksgiving Day is a harvest festival in traditional terms. It honors the Pilgrims' celebration in the prosperous harvest of 1621. Similar holidays are observed around the world to express gratitude following the healthy harvest of the previous year's crops. For farmers, in particular, it is a very important event to express gratitude for a good harvest.

### **Give Thanks for the Blessings**

Thanksgiving is a significant and blessed event that is observed in both the United States and Canada (but on different days). It is the day on which we should be thankful to God and express our gratitude. This holiday honors the harvest season and serves as a day for giving thanks to God for all the blessings we have received throughout the year.

### **A Special Gathering**

Thanksgiving Day is a special occasion for family and friends. Families gather together on this day, and many individuals offer prayers of gratitude for the year's blessings. Massive Thanksgiving dinners featuring roasted turkey and dressing are usually served.

# What's In A Thanksgiving Day?

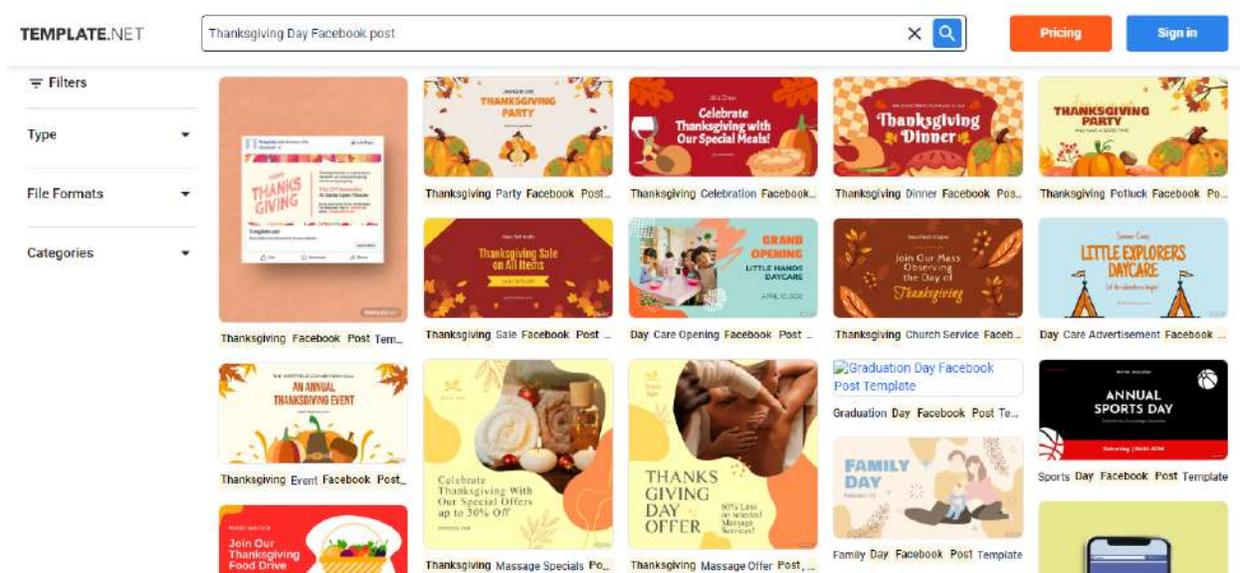
Thanksgiving Day involves more than just stuffing yourself with food, watching football, and gathering with family and friends. The Thanksgiving feast traditionally consists of turkey, bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, and pumpkin pie. The American holiday is particularly rich in history and symbolism, consisting of Thanksgiving parades in a number of American cities that mark the start of the holiday season. Large avenues and boulevards are lined with bands, singers, floats, gigantic balloons, and other performers who sometimes soar above.

## How to Create a Thanksgiving Day Social Media Post

One of the most popular national holidays in the United States is Thanksgiving. People eagerly anticipate this event, which took place almost 400 years ago, because it allows them to spend time with their families and reflect on how blessed they have been the past year. You can also use social media to celebrate Thanksgiving online. That said, we invite you to follow our guide on creating a Thanksgiving Day social media post.

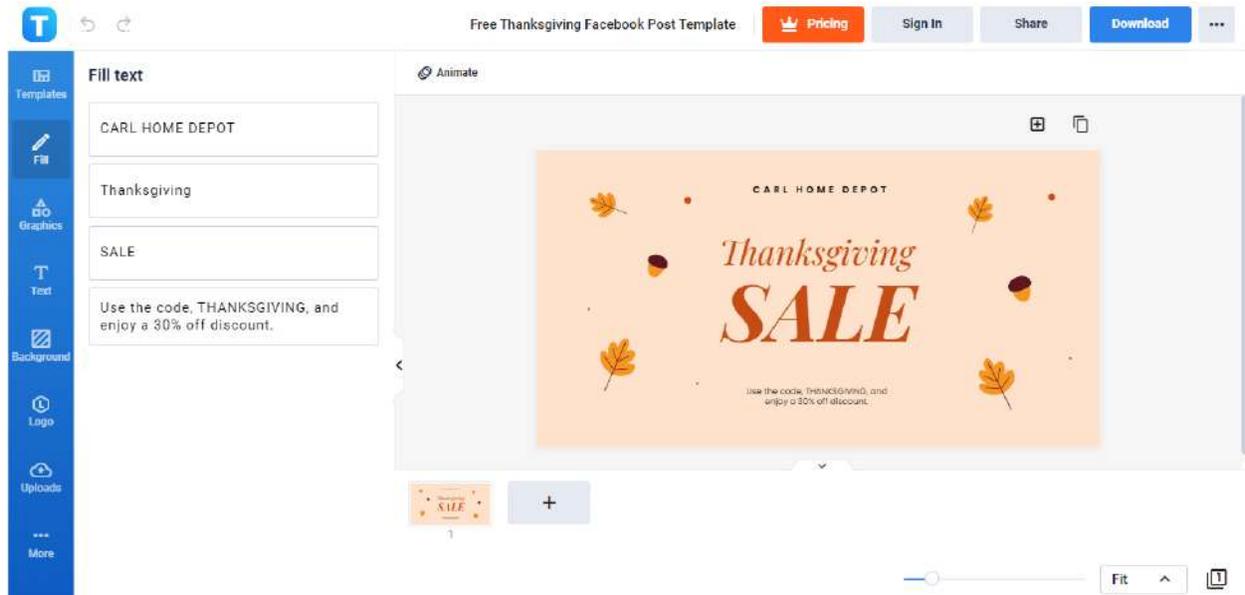
## Facebook

1. Choose a beautiful [Thanksgiving Facebook Post](#) template.



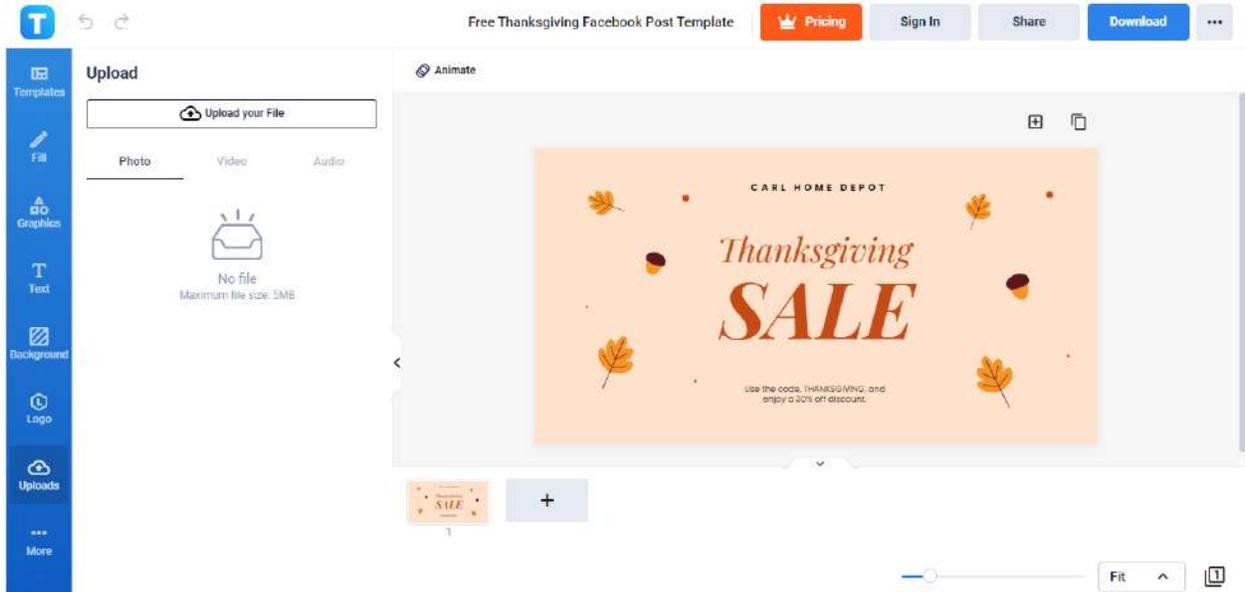
Pick one of our Facebook post templates for Thanksgiving. They were all created to seem beautiful on Facebook timelines. Select a Facebook template from the list and begin editing it using our Editor tool.

2. Type in your Thanksgiving Day greeting.



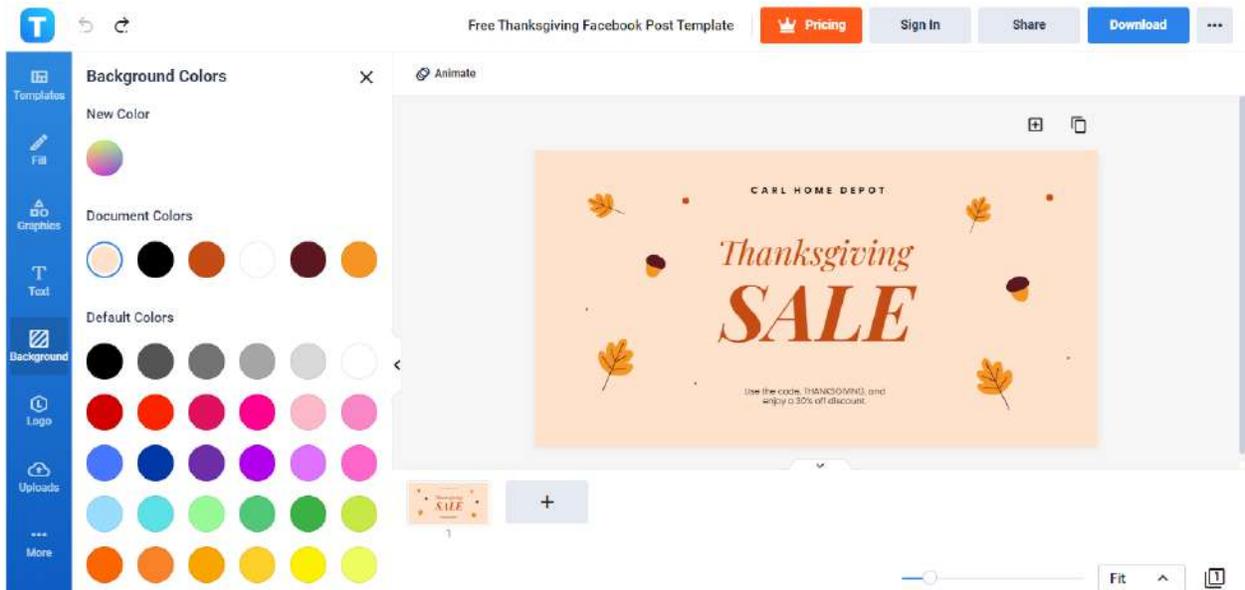
Entering your Thanksgiving Day greeting is the first thing you can do in the Editor tool. Customize the Fill Text boxes by going to the Fill panel. Fill in those boxes with your brief yet sincere Thanksgiving Day greeting.

3. Upload a Thanksgiving photo.



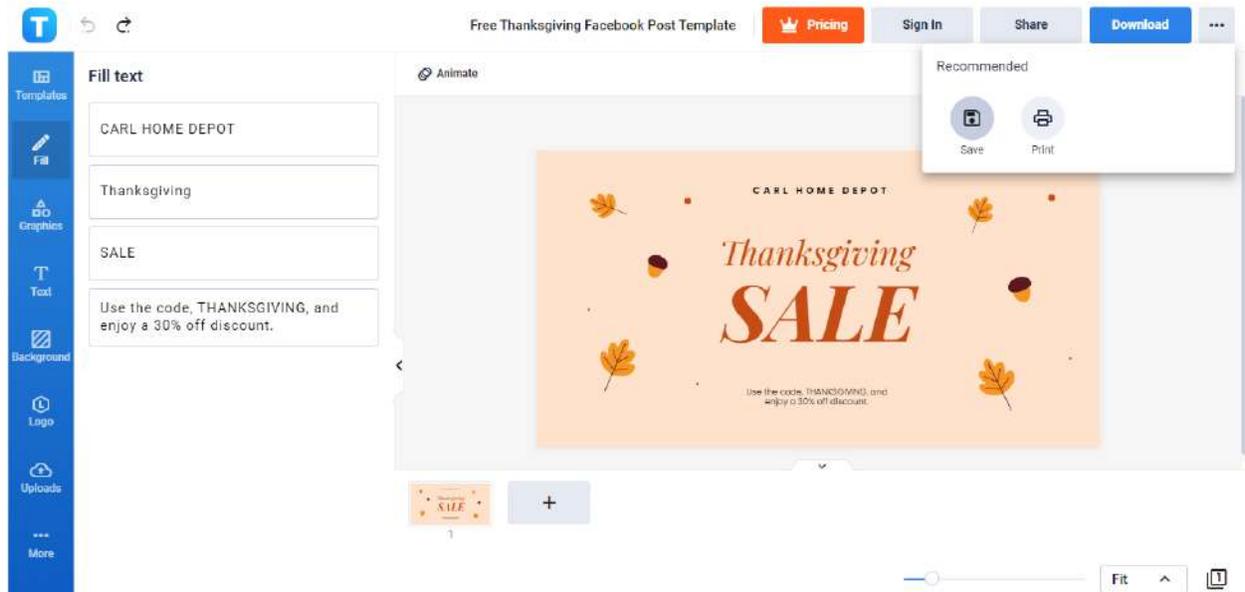
Your Facebook post will appear livelier if you include photos from your Thanksgiving gathering. So, think about including similar photographs. Select Photo from the Uploads panel of our Editor tool. Publish an image file that is no larger than 5MB in size.

4. Set a different background color.



You can set a different background color for the selected template. So if you want to alter it, choose the Colors section in the Background panel. Pick any of the available colors. The color of your choice will be instantly applied to the template when you click it.

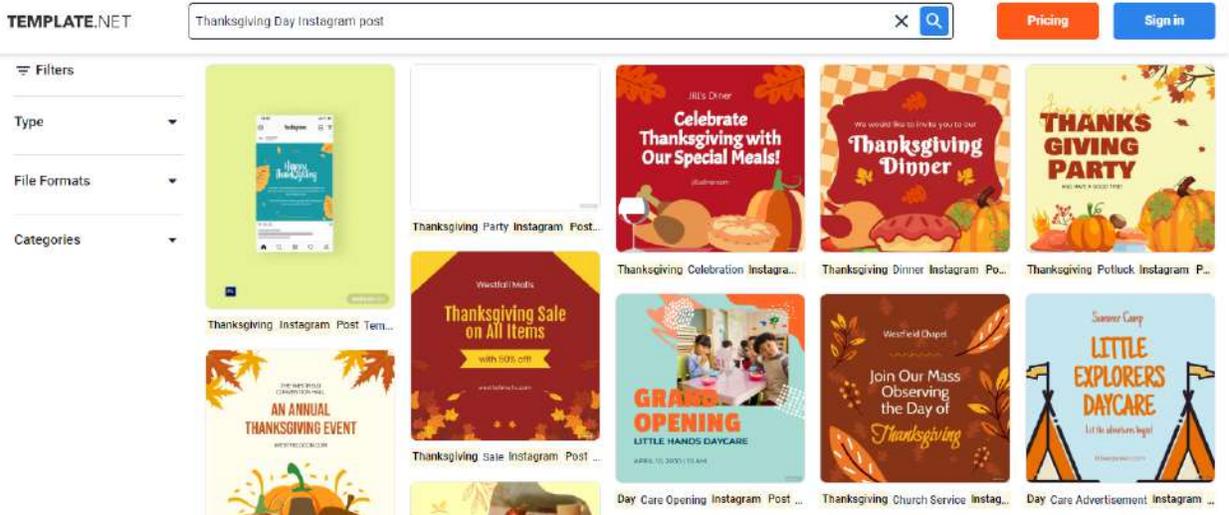
## 5. Save your Thanksgiving Day Facebook post.



Your Thanksgiving Day Facebook post will be ready once you've modified and added everything. Keep it for now, and on Thanksgiving Day, share it on Facebook. To do this, select Save by clicking the three-dot icon next to the Download option.

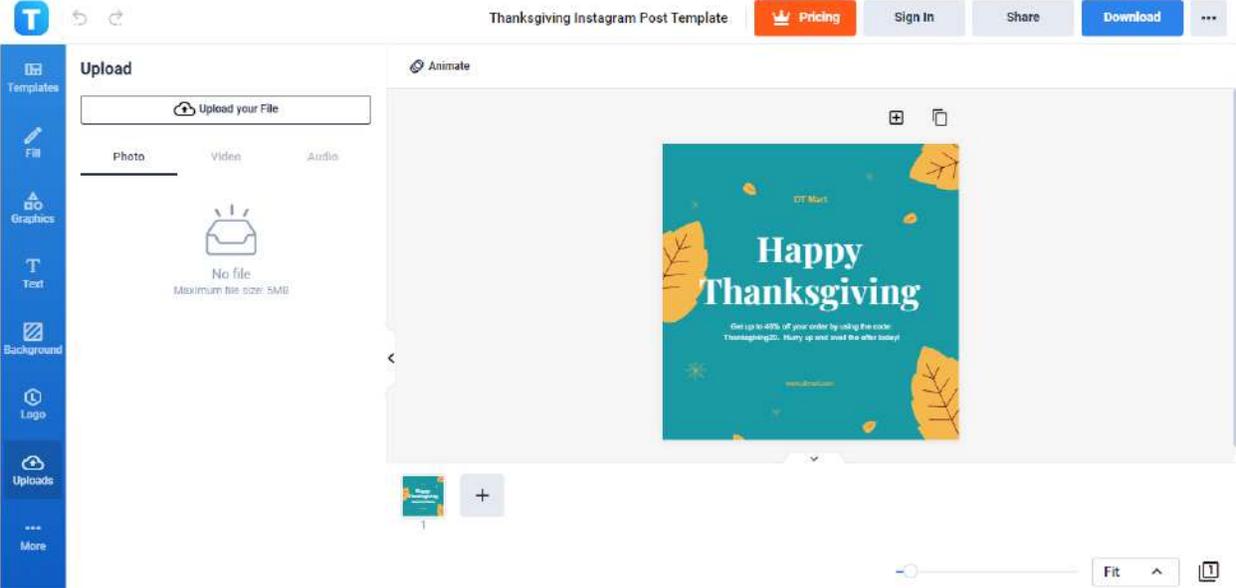
## Instagram

1. Select a cute [Thanksgiving Instagram Post](#) template.



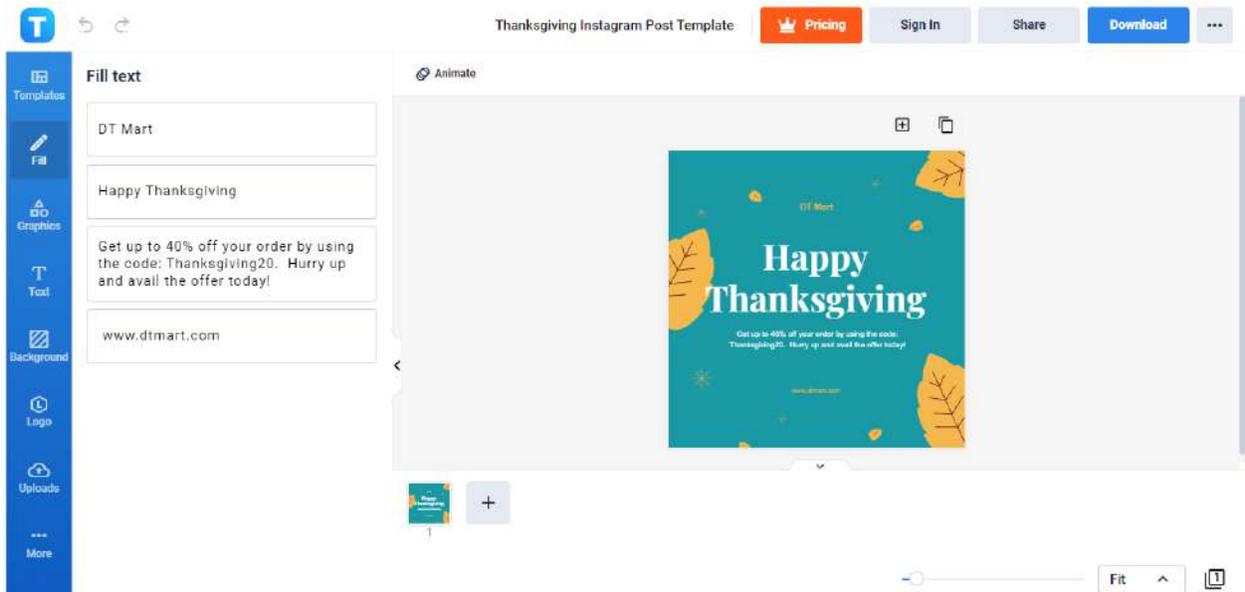
For everyone, we offer a collection of superb Thanksgiving Day Instagram post templates. Our templates can be modified using our Editor tool and feature Instagrammable aesthetics. Simply choose any of our cute Instagram themes to use for your Thanksgiving posts.

2. Add photos of your Thanksgiving event.



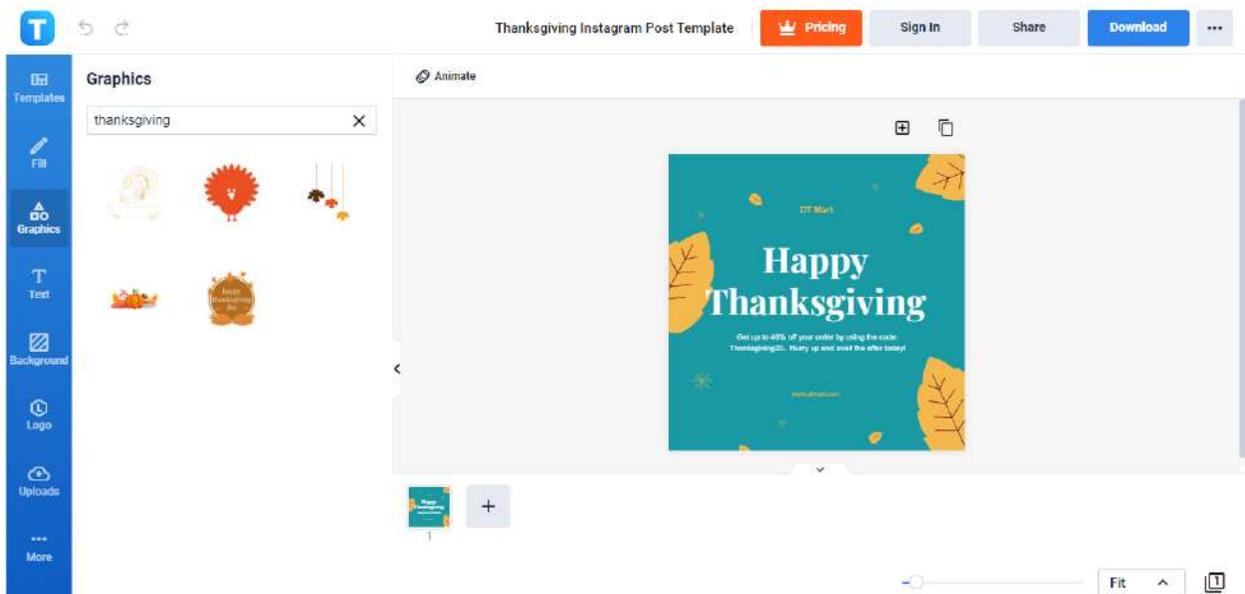
Instagram is all about sharing stunning photos. Therefore, if you have lovely pictures of your Thanksgiving gathering, use them in your post. Click the “Upload your File” button after opening the Uploads panel. The image’s file size should be 5MB or less.

### 3. Write your Thanksgiving Day message.



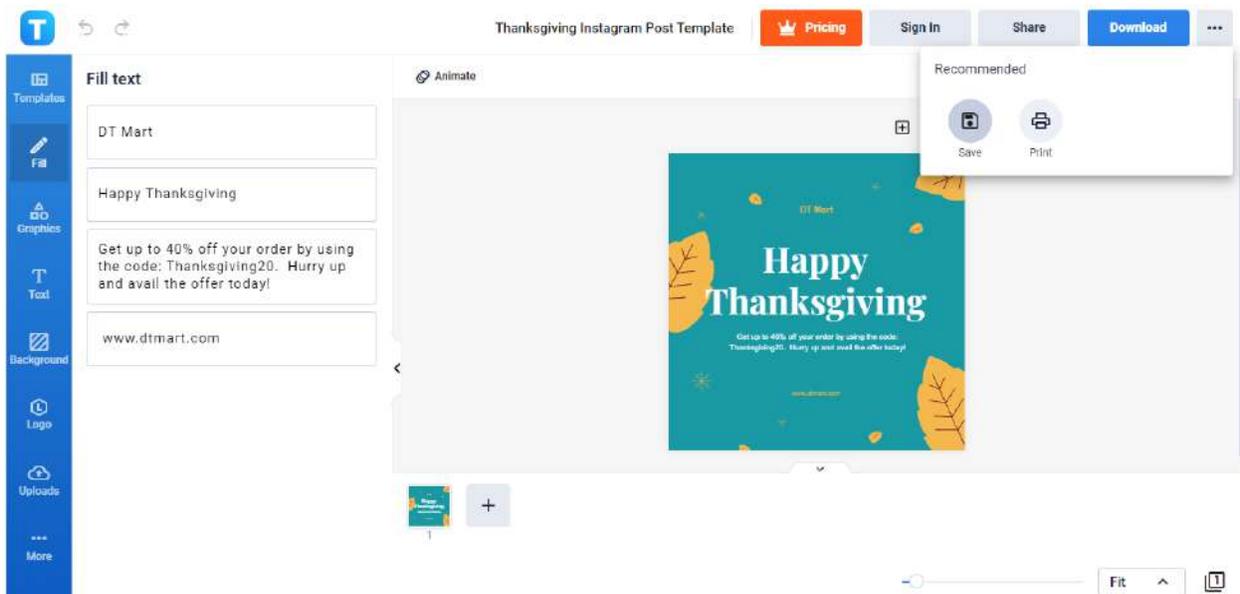
Write your Thanksgiving Day message on the template. Simply enter your message in the Fill Text boxes by going to the Fill panel. Just make it brief. You can also include some quotes and special wishes in your message.

### 4. Add more graphics to the template.



There are already graphics in the template you've chosen, but you can add more if you like. To locate graphics, such as icons and clipart, as well as wallpaper with a Thanksgiving theme, navigate to the Graphics panel and type "Thanksgiving" into the search bar. Select the graphic you want to use, then drag it onto the template where you want to put it.

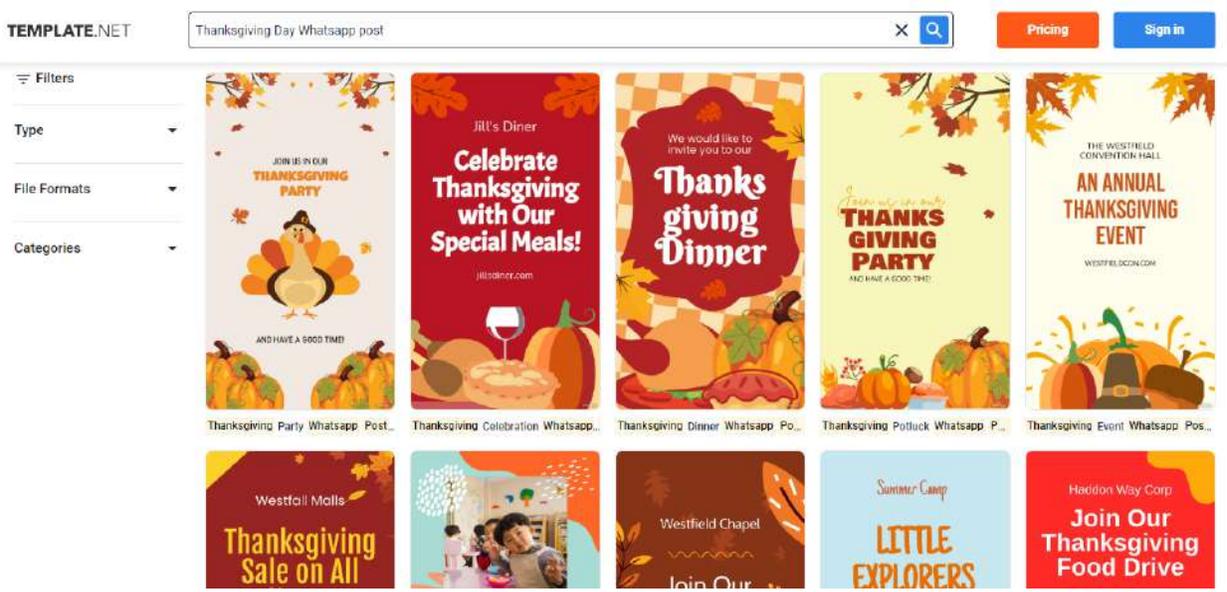
## 5. Save your Thanksgiving Day Instagram post.



Don't forget to save your Thanksgiving Day Instagram post after you're done with your edits. Click the three-dot icon next to the Download button, then choose the Save icon to save it.

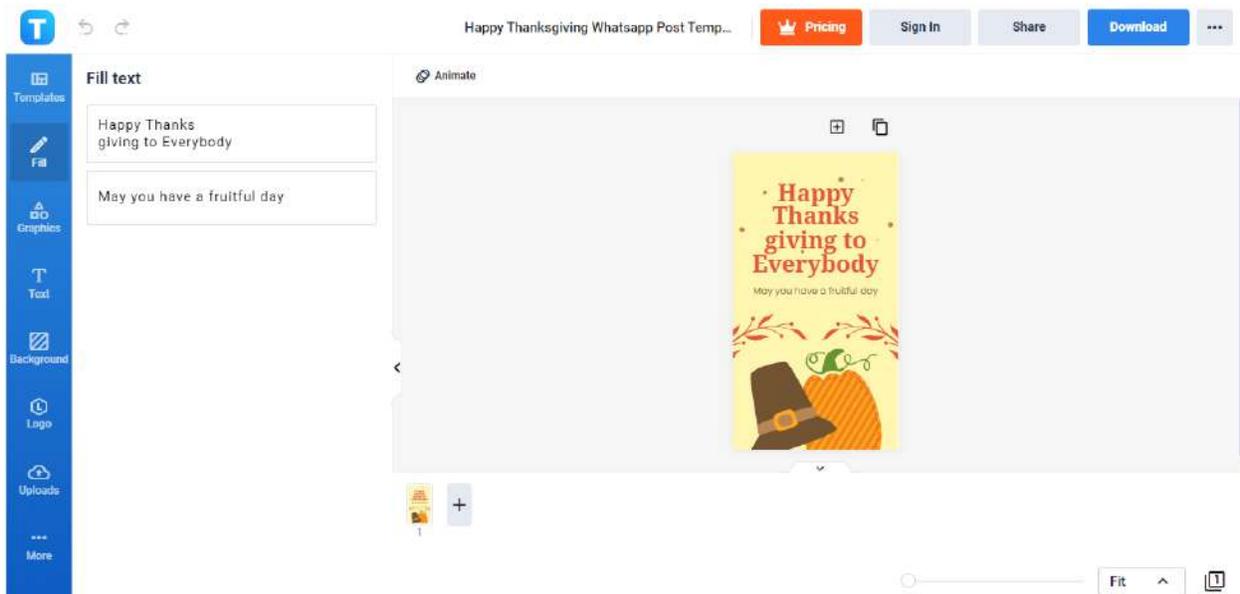
## WhatsApp

1. Choose a [Happy Thanksgiving WhatsApp Post](#) template.



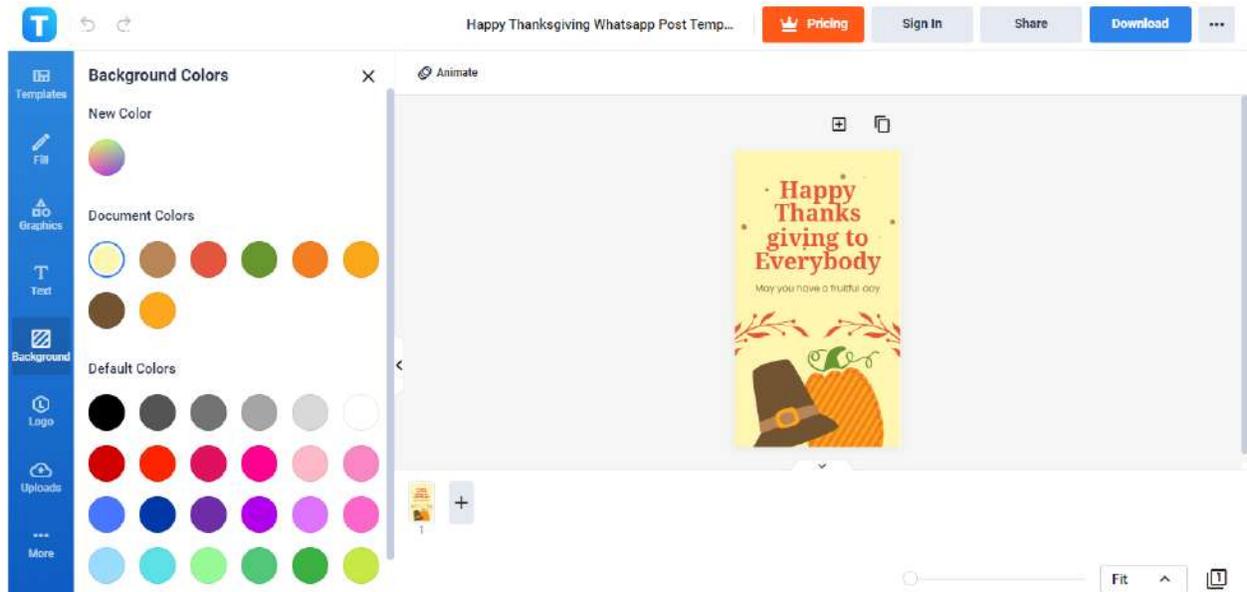
Choose one of our WhatsApp post templates for Thanksgiving. Each of them features adorable and vibrant patterns that go with the Thanksgiving holiday mood. Select the WhatsApp template of your choosing, then use our Editor tool to make some edits.

2. Input your Thanksgiving Day message into the template.



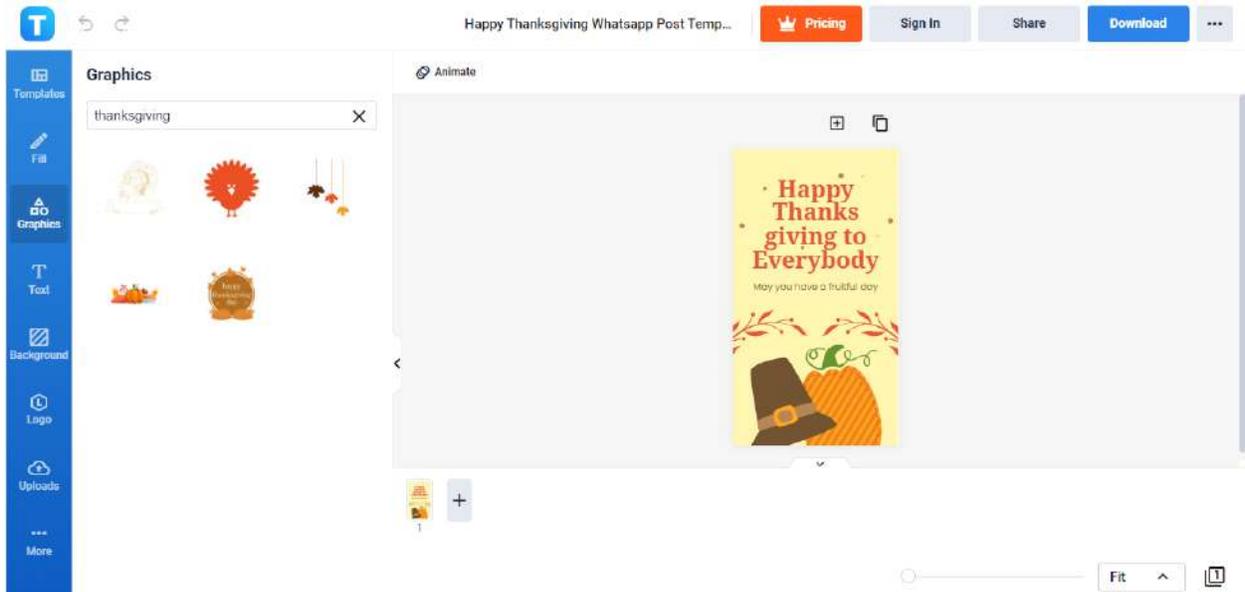
Fill in the text boxes with your Thanksgiving greeting or message. You can find them on the template's Fill panel. Just keep your greeting or message brief and straightforward to avoid having it overlap the graphics.

3. Change the background color.



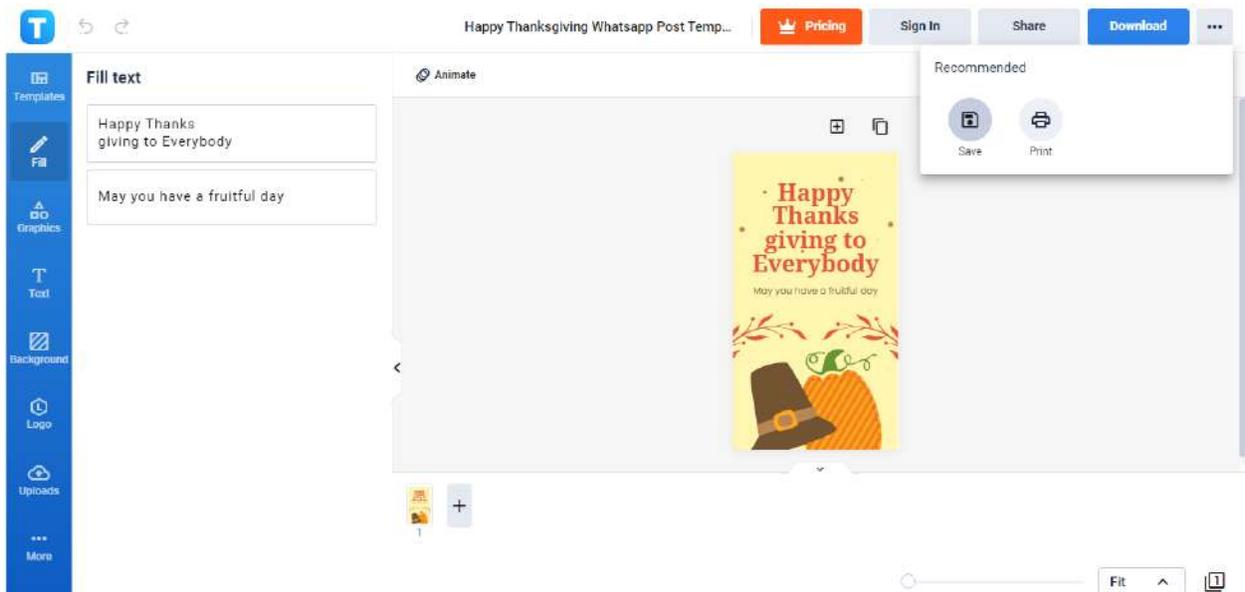
Feel free to change the background color as you wish. Select the Colors option in the Background panel. You have a wide selection of background colors to choose from under the Colors section. Simply click the desired color, and the change will take effect right away.

4. Insert additional graphics.



You can find more Thanksgiving graphics in the Editor tool. Enter “Thanksgiving” in the search box on the Graphics panel. You can click and drag a number of lovely Thanksgiving decorations onto the template.

5. Save your Thanksgiving Day WhatsApp post.



Make sure to save your Thanksgiving Day WhatsApp post once you've finished modifying and personalizing it. To do so, choose the Save button by clicking the three-dot icon in the Editor tool's upper right corner.

## Thanksgiving Day vs. Christmas

Thanksgiving Day is a time when families come together to give thanks for the blessings of the previous harvest, and a special dinner is served on the table.

[Christmas](#) is celebrated to remember and rejoice in the birth of Jesus Christ, and regardless of faith, people all over the world celebrate it.

## Thanksgiving Day Ideas & Examples

There are still many enjoyable things to do on Thanksgiving if you're not really interested in creating an entire feast, buffet, menu, or recipes. Who says you can't make a new Thanksgiving custom in addition to participating in the native Thanksgiving practices you already know and love, like indulging in excessive amounts of dinner rolls before the turkey is even placed on the table? Take inspiration from our Friendship Day ideas and examples.

## Thanksgiving Day Ideas

We have gathered some Thanksgiving Day ideas below that you can do on this festive day:

- Thanksgiving is the perfect time to hold some pie-eating contests.
- If your family gets a kick out of watching small children search for eggs during Easter, you can bring back the event by organizing a pumpkin hunt.
- You can play a guessing game about Thanksgiving facts.
- It might be enjoyable and delectable to choose a few or even just one baked dessert recipe to test out on Thanksgiving day.
- Use the following Friday or Thanksgiving Day itself to set up holiday decorations for the soon-approaching December month.
- Watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.
- Organize a Thanksgiving party at your home or in a restaurant.
- Set up a Thanksgiving vacation for your family or friends.
- Enjoy a movie marathon where you can watch some vintage and animated movies.
- If you have a number of young children in your family, think about setting up a festive arts and crafts table so the kids will have something to do all day.

## Thanksgiving Day Examples

We have a number of Thanksgiving template examples available for you to use if you need to start designing and creating a sophisticated and appealing social media post for Thanksgiving Day or perhaps make a banner or poster.

### 1. [Thanksgiving Restaurant Party Menu](#)



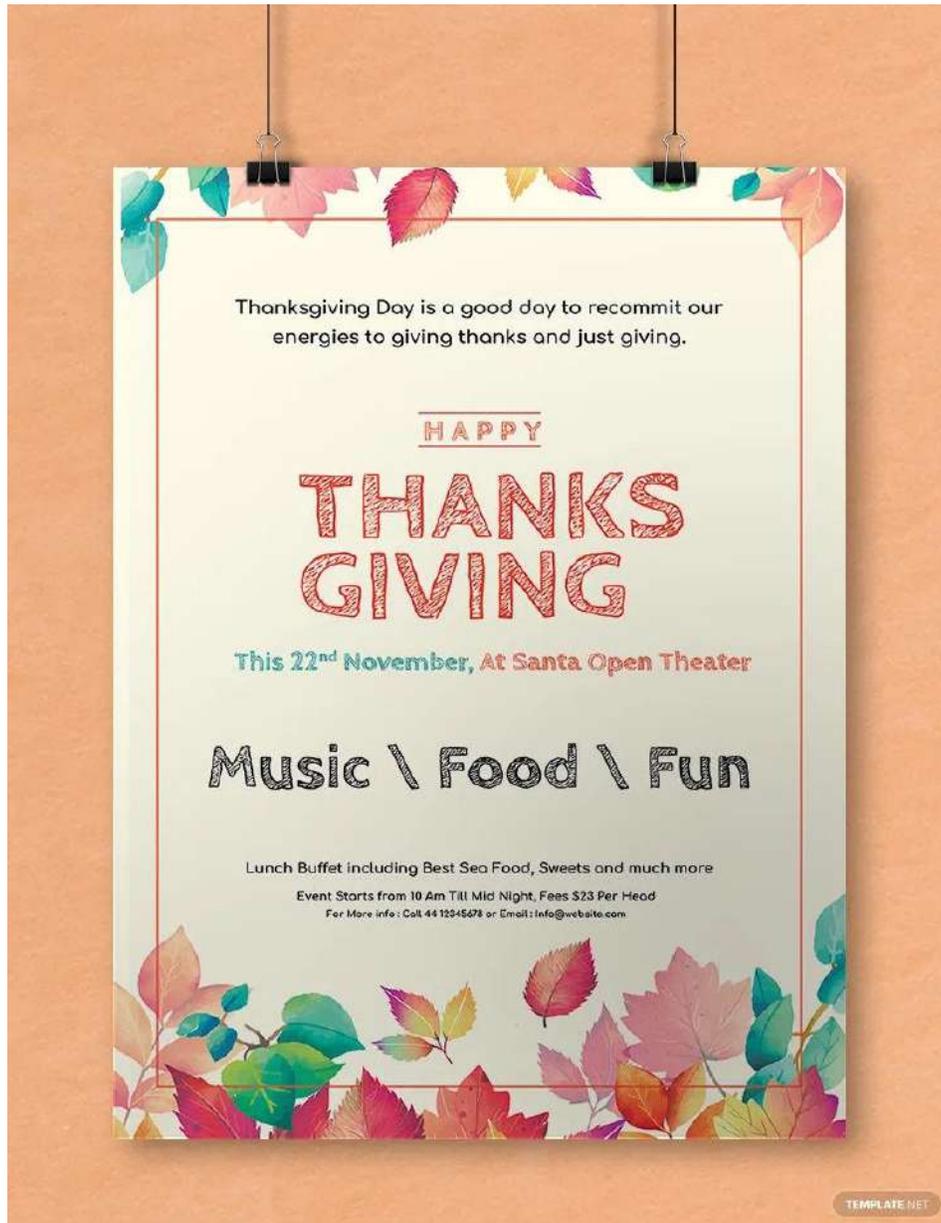
## 2. Thanksgiving Sale Banner



3. Happy Thanksgiving Greeting Card



#### 4. Thanksgiving Poster



5. Thanksgiving Party Flyer



## 6. Thanksgiving Service Church Flyer



7. Printable Thanksgiving Postcard



## 8. Annual Thanksgiving Fest Invitation



## 9. Thanksgiving Food Drive Flyer



10. Thanksgiving Hours Flyer Template



## **FAQs**

### **What is Thanksgiving and why is it celebrated?**

Thanksgiving is observed yearly on the fourth Thursday of November in both the USA and Canada, and is generally the time to give thanks for the harvest and all the wonderful things that the previous year has given.

### **Who created the Thanksgiving holiday?**

President Abraham Lincoln started the modern practice of a national Thanksgiving holiday.

### **Why is Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday?**

It's because of the two former US presidents: Abraham Lincoln originally decided that Thanksgiving should be celebrated on the last Thursday in November, but in 1939, Franklin Delano Roosevelt decided to move the holiday to the second-to-last Thursday of the month so that people would have an extra week for holiday shopping.

### **What does the Mayflower have to do with Thanksgiving?**

The name of the ship that transported Pilgrims from England to America was Mayflower, and it was then that the first-ever autumn harvest took place.

### **What do you say on Thanksgiving?**

Thanksgiving is one of the most anticipated days of the year because it reminds us to express gratitude and appreciate our blessings.

### **What are the interesting facts about Thanksgiving?**

Some interesting Thanksgiving facts include the first-ever autumn harvest celebration in 1621 by ninety Wampanoag Native Americans and fifty Plymouth colonialists (Pilgrims), and

President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed in 1863 that Thanksgiving would be held on the last Thursday of November every year and that it would be a national holiday.

## **How do we celebrate Thanksgiving Day?**

Thanksgiving Day can be celebrated by planning a party with games or setting up a special vacation with your family and friends.

## **Who originally started Thanksgiving?**

Abraham Lincoln originally started Thanksgiving in 1863.

## **Why does Thanksgiving change every year?**

The date of Thanksgiving Day changes every year because it falls on the fourth Thursday of November.

## **How many Native Americans were killed on Thanksgiving?**

The first Thanksgiving was attended by at least 90 Native men.