

# ELEPHANTS

## ART

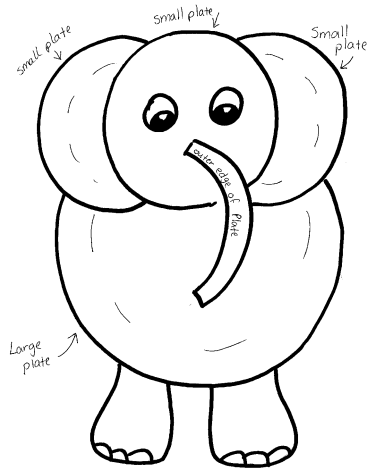
### PUPPET

Turn a paper cup upside down. Cut a small circle out of the side of the cup to make a nose hole. Add eyes and tape on ears. Stick finger through hole to make trunk.

### ELEPHANT HEADBANDS

Cut headband strips from poster board and big elephant ears from paper bags. Staple one paper towel tube (this will be elephant's trunk) to middle of each headband and the ears on either side of the Tube. Paint grey.

### PAPER PLATE ELEPHANT



Material: 3 small paper plates  
1 large paper plate  
construction paper  
glue

See picture to left.

## SONGS

### DID YOU EVER SEE AN ELEPHANT (to tune of "Did you Ever See a Lassie?")

Did you ever see and elephant,  
An elephant, an elephant  
Did you ever see and elephant  
Squirt water with her trunk?  
Squirt water all over  
Squirt water all over  
Did you ever see an elephant  
Squirt water with her trunk?

Did you ever see an elephant  
An elephant, an elephant  
Did you ever see an elephant  
Eat peanuts with her trunk  
Throw peanuts in her mouth  
Throw peanuts in her mouth  
Did you ever see an elephant  
Eat peanuts with her trunk?

### **THE ELEPHANTS ARE HERE** (to tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")

The elephants are here! (Look excited)  
The elephants are here!  
Look at all the elephants! (Shade eyes as if looking)  
The elephants are here!

They're exercising now. (March in place, keeping feet on floor, pumping arms)  
They're exercising now.  
Look at all the elephants!  
They're exercising now.

(Have kids name various exercises and do them--tricky while singing!)  
They're jumping up and down!  
They're jumping up and down!  
Look at all the elephants!  
They're jumping up and down!

They're doing push ups now  
They're touching all their toes  
They're spinning 'round and 'round

Keep going until kids are EXHAUSTED  
Sing the last verse slowly as sink to floor and lie down on backs  
They're all exhausted now...  
They're all exhausted now...  
Look at all the elephants...  
They're all exhausted now...  
ZZZZZZZ (Lots of snoring)

## **SNACKS**

### **OH, WHAT A NOSE!**

Give kids straws to use like elephant trunks to blow bubbles in their milk.

## EDIBLE PEANUTY DOUGH

1/4 cup. peanut butter

1/2 cup. dry milk

1/2 tbs. Honey

Knead all ingredients in a zip lock bag. Use the dough to make edible sculptures (even peanut-loving elephants!). You can even decorate the sculptures with raisins or candies. A fun activity and a yummy snack.

## ORANGE ELEPHANT

1. For each elephant, make a V cut just above the orange's stem end for tail (Fig 1)
2. Carve a Y at the other end for the trunk (Fig. 2)
3. At each side, make a C-shaped cut for ear. Gently pull all cut peel slightly away from the orange (Fig. 3)
4. With Toothpicks, attach 4 large marshmallows to the bottom of each orange for legs. Flatten miniature marshmallows to form eyes. Push in a raisin for pupil. (You can get the eyes to stick with a little corn syrup)



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

## OTHER FUN STUFF

### ELEPHANT WALK

Walk like an elephant. Make giant steps. Use your arm as an imaginary trunk. You might want to tie a rope tail to each child and let the walk in an elephant line holding onto the tail of the child in front of them.

You can repeat this rhyme while marching...

### FIVE BIG ELEPHANTS

Five big elephants - oh, what a sight,  
Swinging their trunks from left to right!  
Four are followers, and one is the king.  
They all walk around in the circus ring.

## ELEPHANT FEET

Materials: Grocery bags, rubber bands or ties made from an old sheet.

Using black felt pen make elephant toes on the grocery bags. Have children put bags on one foot or both. Tie tops. Have children make trunks with arms and stomp around room.

## PEANUT RELAY

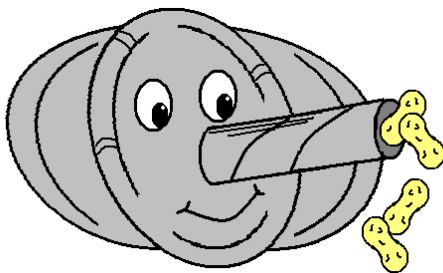
1. Divide children into 2 teams and have them line up facing each other.
2. Put a bowl of nuts next to the first person in line and an empty bowl next to the last person in line.
3. Have children hold hands and arms out to form trunks.
4. Children pass nuts down line.
5. First to pass all nuts down line wins.

## ELEPHANT BALANCING

Arrange a long piece of string on the floor in a circle. Have children line up and pretend to be elephants. Recite the rhyme below and have one child start walking on string. As rhyme indicates, add children until all are on the string.

One little elephant balancing,  
Step by step on a piece of string.  
Oh, my -- what a stunt!  
Now, here comes another elephant!

## FEED THE ELEPHANT



Paint a paper plate and toilet paper tube with gray paint. Cut out 2 large gray ears and glue them to plate. Glue the toilet paper tube to the plate for a nose. Glue on large wiggly eyes. Ask the children to feed the elephant by dropping peanuts into his nose. Explain that the elephant uses his nose to put food into his mouth.

## FINGERPLAYS

### OLIVER THE ELEPHANT

Oliver Elephant happened to sneeze, (sneeze)  
And all of a sudden he fell to his knees! (Fall to knees)  
It's hard to get up (Struggle)  
When you're built like a truck (Struggle and wipe brow)  
But Oliver did it with ease. (Get up)

### FIVE LITTLE ELEPHANTS

5 little elephants rowing toward the shore,  
1 fell in the water, & that left 4  
4 little elephants climbing up a tree,  
1 slid down the trunk, & that left 3.  
3 little elephants living in the zoo,  
1 walked out the gate, & that left 2  
2 little elephants having lots of fun,  
1 went to take a bath, and that left 1.  
1 little elephant sitting in the sun,  
She fell sound asleep, and that left none.

### ELEPHANT

A circus elephant I went to see. (Hold hand over eyes.)  
He had 4 legs and was bigger than me. (Hold up 4 fingers and point to self.)  
He had two ears big and round. (Show two fingers and make a circle with hands.)  
And one long nose that made this sound. Eeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee! (Put arm like trunk and make elephant noise.)

### SAGGY ELEPHANT

The elephant has a trunk for a nose (make trunk with arms)  
And up and down it goes (swing arms)  
He has such a saggy, baggy hide (flop arms)  
Do you think 2 elephants would fit inside? (hold up 2 fingers)

### JUMBO

Jumbo has a great big trunk (Clasp hands to make trunk)  
That goes swinging to and fro (swing)  
And he has tiny, tiny eyes (put hands to eyes)  
That show him where to go.  
His great big ears go flopping (put hands to ears)  
While his great big feet go stomping, stomping, stomping on the ground (stomp feet)

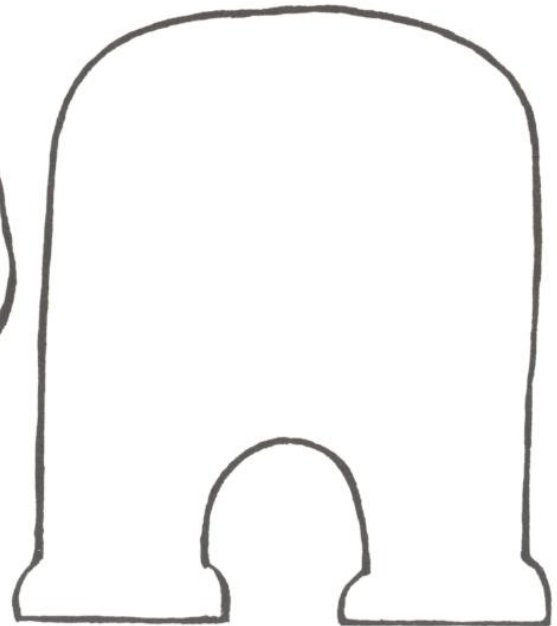
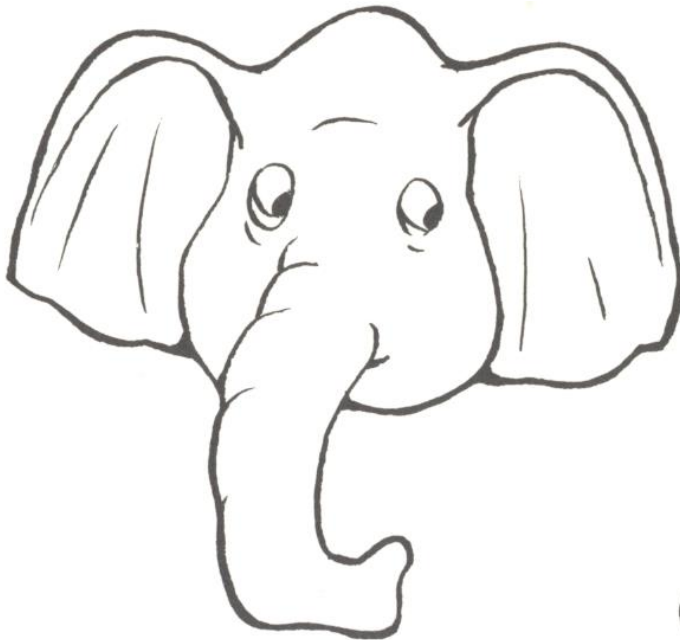
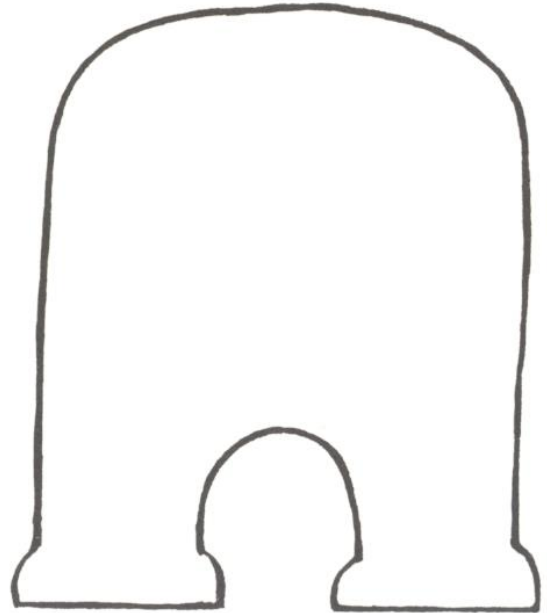
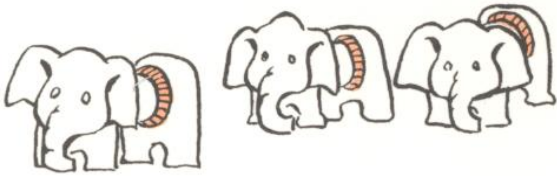
## SPOOL ELEPHANT

Copy pattern for each child.

Color and cut out.

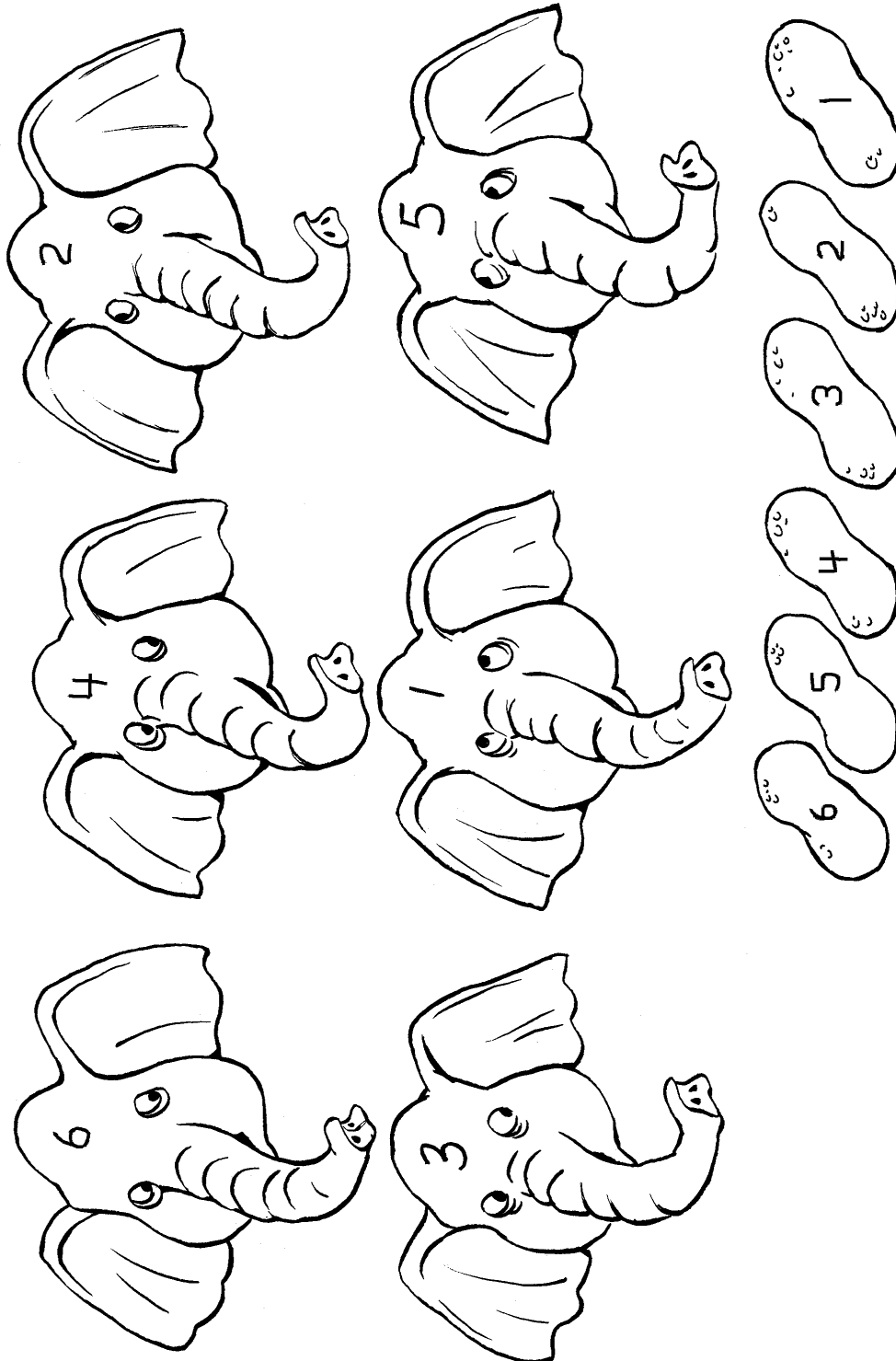
Glue legs to front and back of spool

Glue head to front legs.



# ELEPHANTS LOVE PEANUTS

Color the elephants and the peanuts. Cut out the peanuts. Look at the elephant's head and find the peanut with the same number on it. Glue the peanut to the elephant's trunk.



## MOTHER AND BABY ELEPHANT

Copy pattern onto light-colored construction paper.

Fold in half along lines A and B.

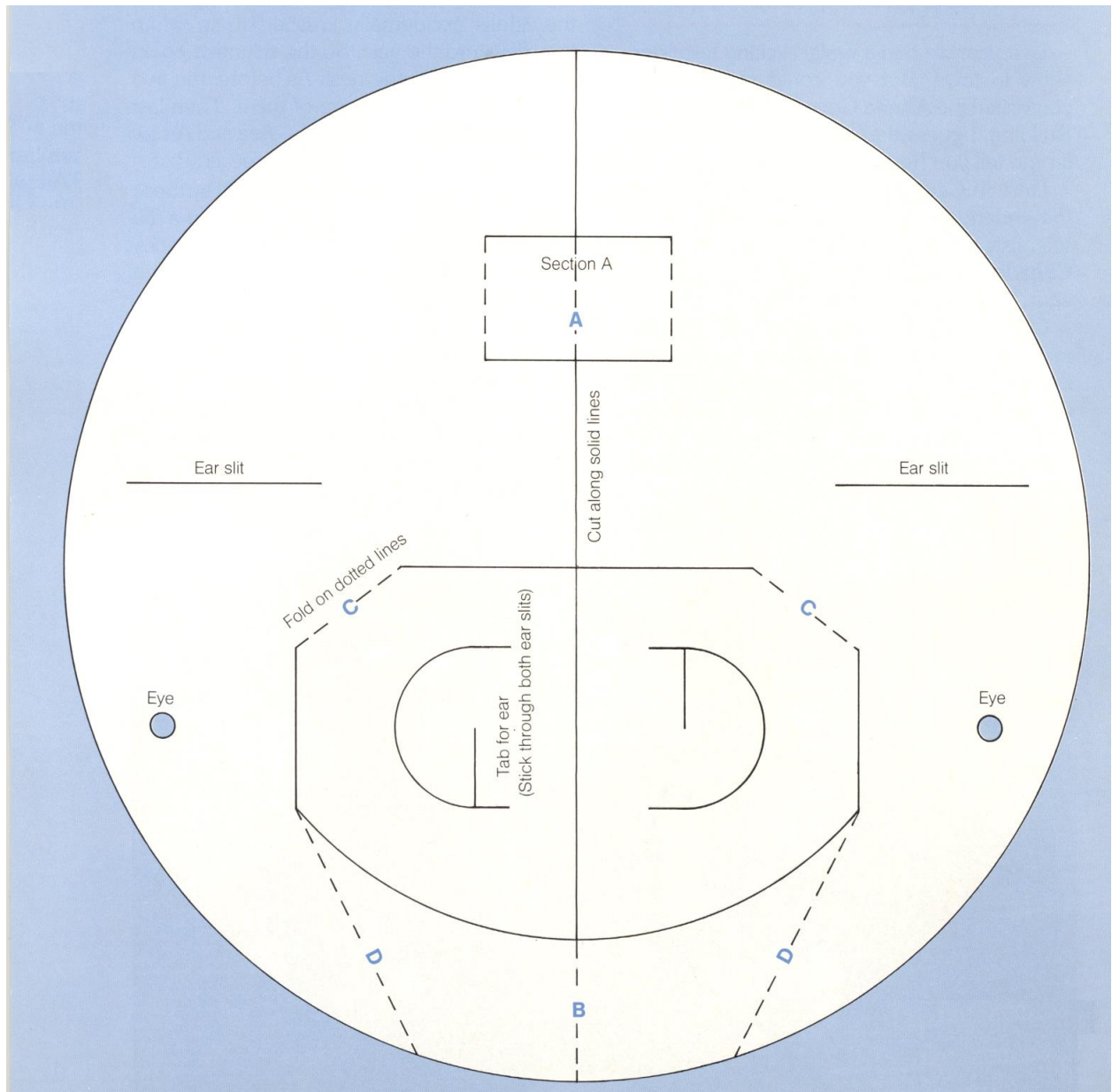
Fold section A inside the elephant

Fold ears along lines C.

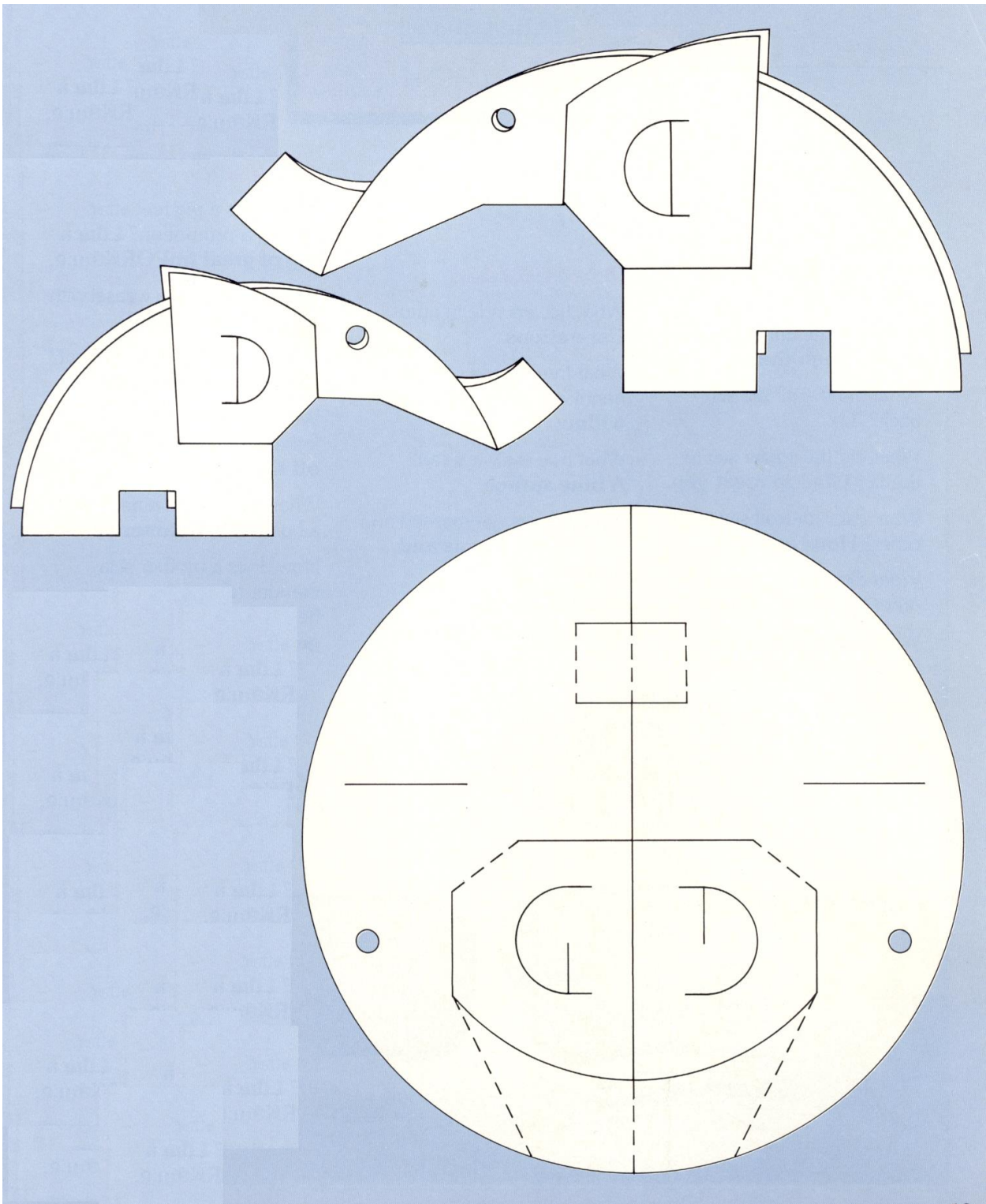
Push each ear tab through both ear slits.

Fold in trunk along lines D.

Punch out eyes.

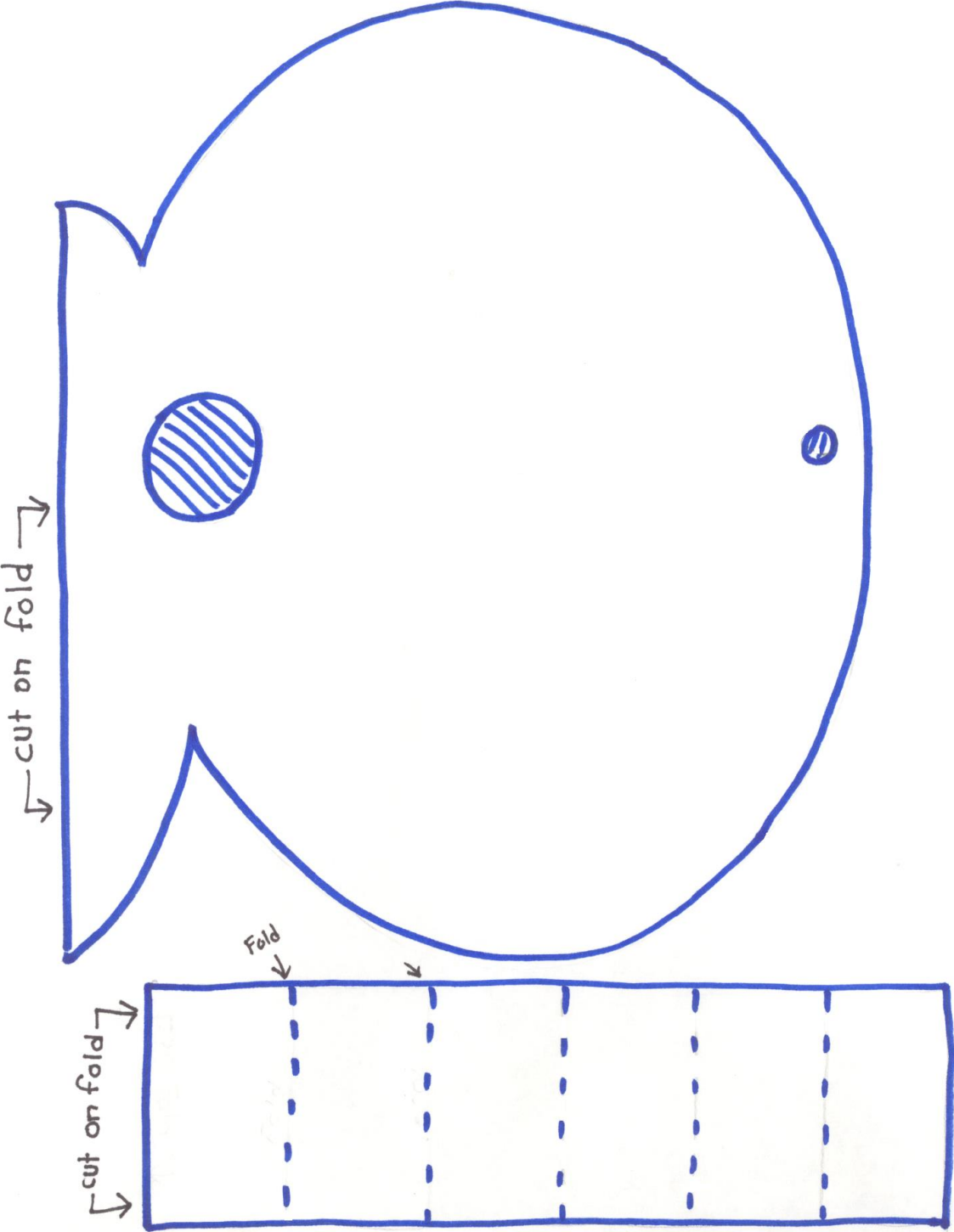






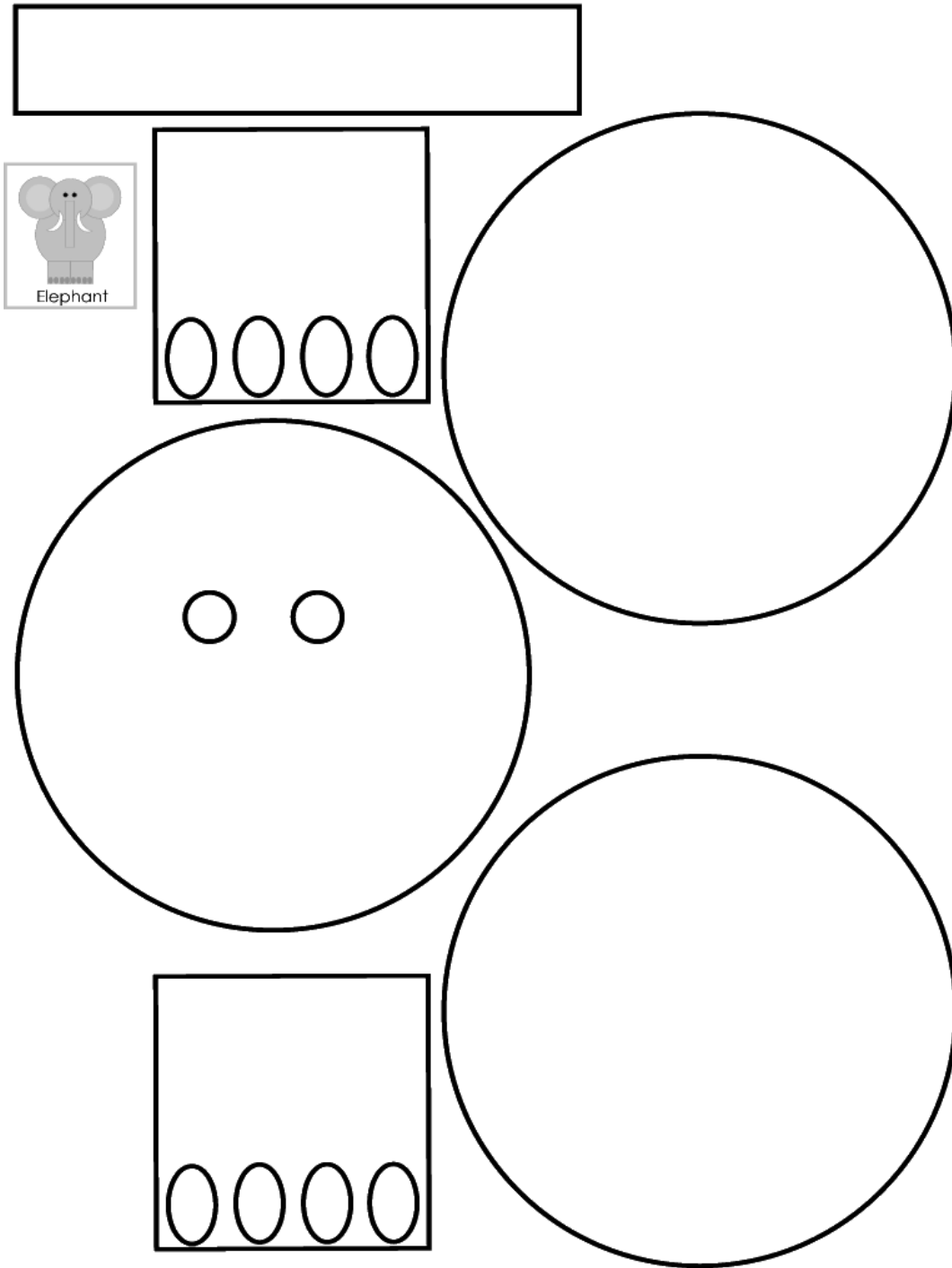
# ELEPHANT MASK

Lay pattern on fold of paper and cut. Add nose and string.

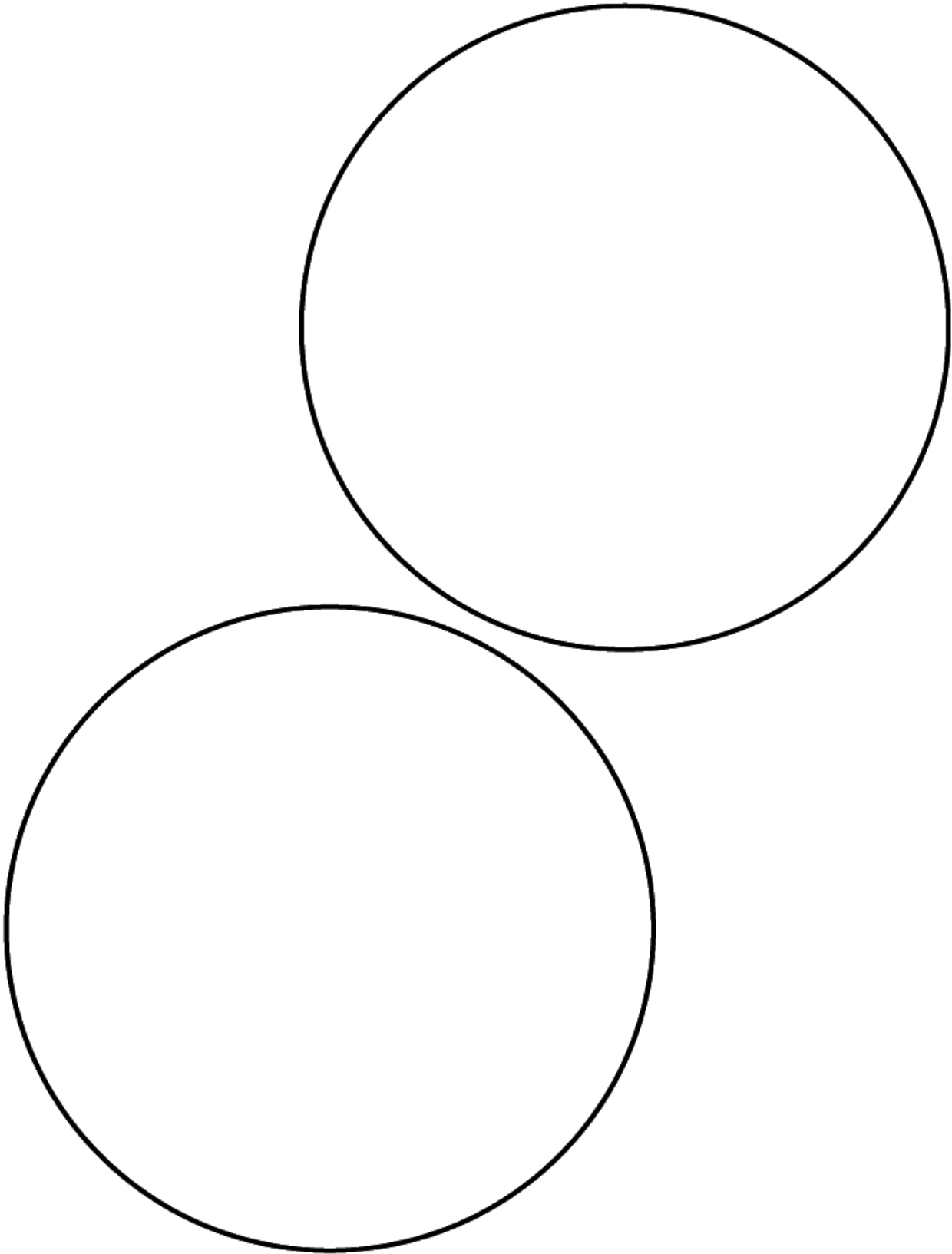


## SIMPLE SHAPE ELEPHANT

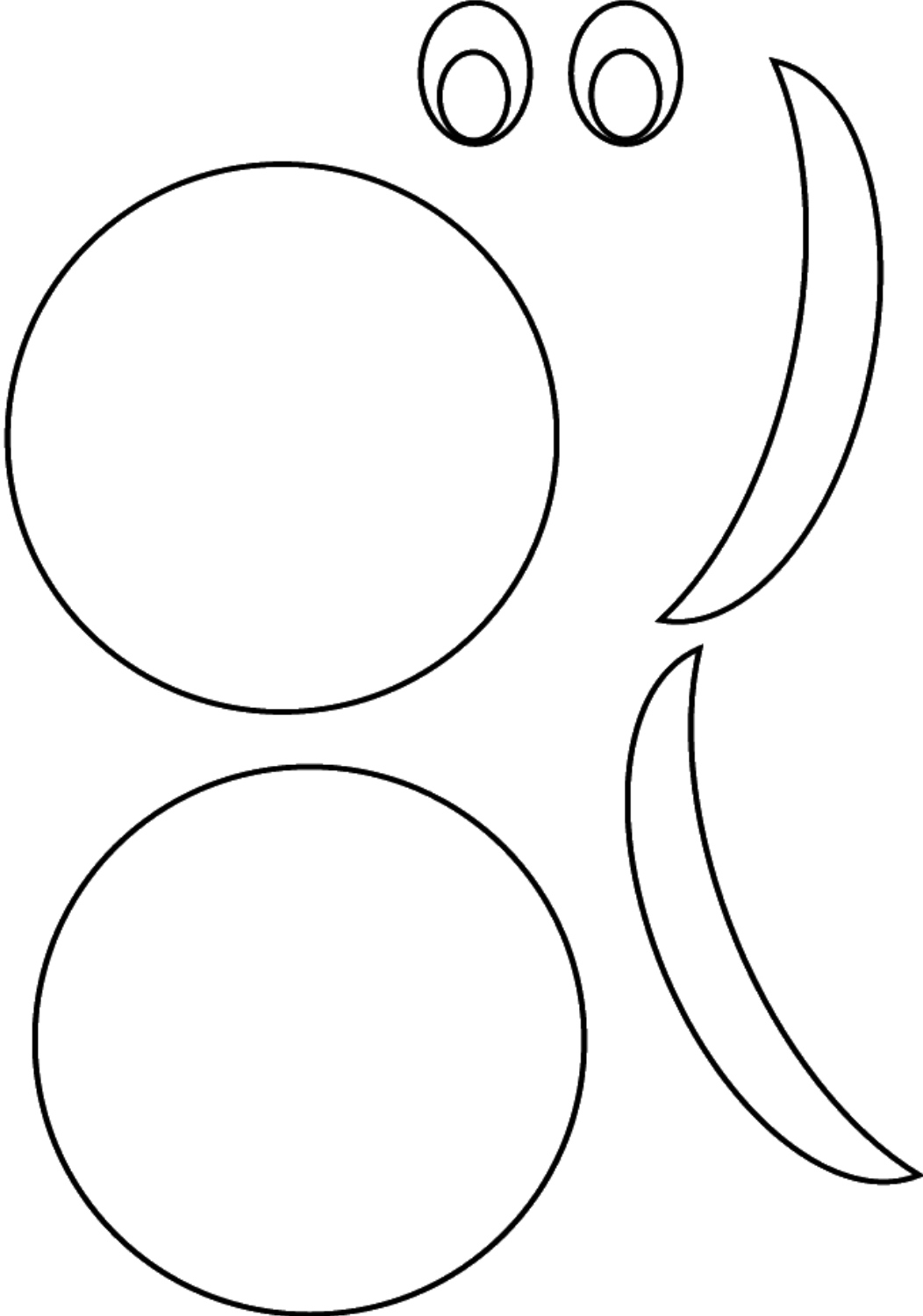
Copy pattern and cut out. Have children assemble to make elephants.



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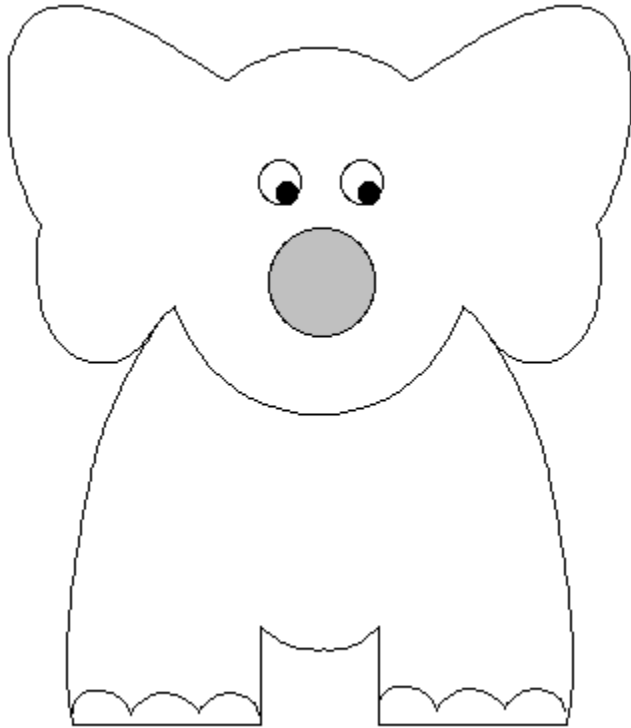


SIMPLE ELEPHANT PT. 3



## ELEPHANT FINGER PUPPET

Copy pattern onto card stock. Color. Cut out shaded area. Stick finger through hole to make trunk.



## ELEPHANT BOOKS

J 398.2 DEE	Deetlefs	Tabu And The Dancing Elephants
J 398.2 NOR	Norfolk	Anansi And The Tug O' War
J 398.22 LUD	Ludwig	Old Noah's Elephants
J 599.6 -599.67		This section has books on Elephants.
J 792.8 SCH	Schubert	Ballet Of The Elephants
E ARGUETA (Spanish)	Argueta	Olita And Manyula – The Big Birthday (bi-lingual)
E ANDRES	Andres	Elephant In The Bathtub
E ARCHER	Archer	Little Elephant's Blocked Trunk
E ARGENT	Argent	India The Showstopper
E ARNOLD	Arnold	Elephants Can Paint, Too!
E BACHELET	Bachelet	My Cat, The Silliest Cat In The World
E BACHELET	Bachelet	When The Silliest Cat Was Small
E BACKSTEIN	Backstein	Blind Men And The Elephant
E BADESCU	Badescu	Pomelo Explores Color
E BADESCU	Badescu	Pomelo's Opposites
E BAILEY	Bailey	Tiny Pie
E BAJAJ	Bajaj	This Is Our Baby, Born Today
E BARBA	Barba	When Your Elephant Comes To Play
E BARCLAY	Barclay	Hiding Phil
E BARTHOLIN	Bartholin	Frida And Bear Play The Shape Game
E BASE	Base	Little Elephants
E BEAKE	Beake	Home Now
E BEARD	Beard	Monkey See, Monkey Draw
E BLACKFORD	Blackford	Elephant's Story
E BREATHED	Breathed	Pete 'N' Pickles
E BRENNER	Brenner	What The Elephant Told
E BROAD	Broad	Forget-Me-Not
E BRUNHOFF	Brunhoff	Babar (series)
E BUNTING	Bunting	Tweak Tweak
E CHORAO	Chorao	Ed And Kip
E COSGROVE	Cosgrove	Sassafras
E COTE	Cote	What Elephant?
E CURATO	Curato	Little Elliot – Big Family
E CUSHMAN	Cushman	Mystery At The Club Sandwich
E DALY	Daly	Next Stop - Zanzibar Road
E DALY	Daly	Welcome To Zanzibar Road
E DAMICO	D'amico	Ella (series)
E DAY	Day	Good Dog Carl And The Baby Elephant
E DELASCASAS	de Las Casas	Cinderellaphant
E DODD	Dodd	Cinderelephant
E DODD	Dodd	No Matter What

E DUNBAR	Dunbar	Where's Tumpy
E EILENBERG	Eilenberg	Squeak's Good Idea
E ELLIOTT	Elliott	This Orq (He Cave Boy)
E ESCOFFIER	Escoffier	Mammoth In The Fridge
E FLEMING	Fleming	Oh, No!
E FOX	Fox	Baby Bedtime
E GARLAND	Garland	Big And Little Are Best Friends
E GEORGE	George	Elephant Walk
E GINKEL	Ginkel	I've Got An Elephant
E GOODMAN	Goodman	Bernard (series)
E GORBACHEV	Gorbachev	Big Little Elephant
E GRIDLEY	Grindley	Little Elephant Thunderfoot
E GUDE	Gude	When Elephant Met Giraffe
E HANEL	Hanel	Little Elephant Runs Away
E HANEL	Hanel	Little Elephant's Song
E HENSAL	Hensel	Zoopendous Surprise
E HOFF	Hoff	Oliver
E JAMES	JAMES	Little Bull
E JAVAHERBIN	Javaherbin	Elephant In The Dark
E JOHNSON	Johnson	Goose Who Went Off In A Huff
E JOOSE	Joose	Sleepover At Gramma's House
E KASZA	Kasza	When The Elephant Walks
E KIPLING	Kipling	Elephant's Child
E KLEVEN	Kleven	Welcome Home, Mouse
E KOEHLER	Koehler	How To Cheer Up Dad
E KOEHLER	Koehler	Super Jumbo
E KRAUS	Kraus	Mort The Sport
E KROSOCZKA	Krosoczka	Ollie The Purple Elephant
E LAYTON	Layton	Hot Hot Hot
E LESTER	Lester	Tacky In Trouble
E LESTER	Lester	Hurty Feelings
E LEVITIN	Levitin	When Elephant Goes To A Party
E LEWIS	Lewis	Good Night, Harry
E LEWIS	Lewis	Hooray For Harry
E LINCOLN	Lincoln	Little Elephant's Trunk
E LOBEL	Lobel	Uncle Elephant
E MACDONALD	MacDonald	Elephant On Board
E MAGOON	Magoon	Hugo & Miles In I've Painted Everything
E MANSON	Manson	Two Travelers
E MCCULLY	McCully	3,2,1, Go!
E MCDONNELL	McDonnell	Splash!
E MCGRORY	McGrory	Quick, Slow, Mango!
E MCKEE	McKee	Elmer (series)
E MELMED	Melmed	Jumbo's Lullaby
E MILGRIM	Milgrim	Ride Otto Ride!



E MOGENSEN	Mogensen	Tiger's Breakfast
E MONROE	Monroe	Monkey With A Tool Belt And The Noisy Problem
E MONROE	Monroe	Monkey With A Tool Belt And The Seaside Shenanigans
E MORTON	Morton	I'm Too Big!
E MUIR	Muir	Little Bitty Bakery
E MURPHY	Murphy	Mr. Large In Charge
E NA	Na	Hide & Seek
E NA	Na	Thingamabob
E OFFEN	Offen	Elephant Pie
E PEARSON	Pearson	Elephant's Story
E PEET	Peet	Ella
E PEET	Peet	Encore For Eleanor
E PIEN	Pien	Mr. Elephanter
E POLACCO	Polacco	Emma Kate
E RADCLIFFE	Radcliffe	Bashi, Elephant Baby
E RAVISHANKAR	Ravishankar	Elephants Never Forget
E REID	Reid	Mama's Day With Little Gray
E RIDDELL	Riddell	Trouble With Elephant
E RINCK	Rinck	I Feel A Foot
E ROBERTS	Roberts	Eleven Elephants Going Up!
E ROBINSON	Robinson	How To Wash A Woolly Mammoth
E RUBINGER	Rubinger	I Dream Of An Elephant
E SCHWARTZ	Schwartz	Hop! Plop!
E SCHWARTZ	Schwartz	Tiny And Hercules
E SEUSS	Seuss	Horton And The Kwuggerbug & More Lost Stories
E SEUSS	Seuss	Horton Hatches The Egg
E SEUSS	Seuss	Horton Hears A Who
E SLACK	Slack	Elecopter
E SMEE	Smee	Tusk Fairy
E SMITH	Smith	Paisley
E STEAD	Stead	Samson In The Snow
E STEAD	Stead	Special Delivery
E STEIG	Steig	Dr. De Soto Goes To Africa
E STOCKLAND	Stockland	Clean Up The Watering Hole
E TANKARD	Tankard	Me Hungry!
E TECHKENTRUP	Techkentrup	Get Out Of My Bath
E THOMAS	Thomas	"Stand Back," Said The Elephant, "I'm Going To Sneeze!"
E TOMPert	Tompert	Just A Little Bit
E TUKEL	Tukel	Rainstack
E VELTHUIJS	Velthuijs	Crocodile's Masterpiece
E VERE	Vere	Getaway

E VONKONIGSLOW	Von Konigslow	Bing And Chutney
E WARNES	Warnes	Great Cheese Robbery
E WESTON	Weston	Dr. Clock-Side
E WILLEMS	Willems	Gerald And Piggy (Series)
E WOJTOWYCZ	Wojtowycz	Elephant Joe, Brave Knight
E YOUNG	Young	Nancy Knows
E YOUNG	Young	Seven Blind Mice
E ZIEFERT	Ziefert	April Fool
E ZEVEREN	van Zeveren	That's Mine!

## **SOUND RECORDINGS**

J SEUSS                                      How The Grinch Stole Christmas (Horton Hears A Who;  
Horton Hatches The Egg)

### **DVDs**

J 791.43 BAB	Babar
J 791.43 BAB	Babar – Best Friend Forever
J 791.43 BAC	Backyardigans – Operation Elephant Drop
J 791.43 BET	Between The Lions – More Animal Stories (Elephants Can Paint, Too)
J 791.43 CUR	Curious George 2. Follow That Monkey
J 791.43 DUM	Dumbo
J 791.43 EAS	Easter Basket (Babar – Dino-Egg, Chocolate And Banana Soup)
J 791.43 ELE	Elephant Tales
J 791.43 HOR	Horton Hears A Who
J 791.43 IMP	Impossible Elephant
J 791.43 MYL	My Luck Elephant
J 791.43 THO	Thomas & Friends – Henry And The Elephant

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