

ELMER V DAY

ACTIVITY PACK 2020





Things like happiness or love or my colours' Elmer and the Rainbow 'Some things you can give and give and not lose any.



Colour in Elmer and the rainbow and display it in a window to spread hope and happiness

Make a milk bottle **ELMER**!

Create a whole herd of Elmers out of plastic milk bottles...

You will need:

- A plastic milk bottle (remove the lid, label and wash out the inside)
- Lots of colourful tissue paper cut into squares
- PVA Glue
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Card





Top Tip: To use paint on your elephant, mix

Instructions:

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Ask a grown-up to cut off the bottom of the bottle to create Elmer's legs and trunk, and cut out Elmer's ears using the card.

PVA glue with ready mix paint.

- Cover the surface of the bottle with PVA glue and then stick tissue paper squares all over the elephant in an Elmer patchwork style.
 - Stick Elmer's ears to his head and cover with patchwork tissue paper squares.
 - Once your elephant is complete, give it another coat of PVA glue to varnish.
 - Finally, add some eyes (we've added googly eyes but you can make your own with paper and pens).
 - Share a picture of your herd on social media using #ElmerDay



Colour in this card. Then write a message in the speech bubble and inside and send it to a friend to make them smile!

ELMER'S DICE GAME!







Make an elephant parade garland

- Copy this activity sheet multiple times onto card and cut out the elephant and ear templates.
- Punch holes where indicated.
- Decorate the elephant and ear shapes using paint, colouring pencils, felt tips and crayons. Try making your designs as colourful as possible; you can find inspiration in the first Elmer story and Elmer's Special Day.
- Fold the ears along the tab and glue onto each elephant shape.
- String the elephants together using a long piece of ribbon or wool and hang them on the wall.

ELMER'S COLOUR WALK

In *Elmer's Walk*, Elmer takes his time to appreciate the world around him while all the other animals are rushing about. Take your own walk around your home or garden and observe all the things around you. What can you see? What can you hear? What can you smell? How do these things make you feel?

Look for things that match each of Elmer's colours and draw them in the boxes below.

YELLOW	ORANGE	RED
PINK	PURPLE	BLUE
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GREEN	BLACK	WHITE

After your walk try one of these creative activities inspired by the things you saw on your walk:

- Write a poem about one of the things you saw
- Paint or draw one of these things in more detail
- Write a story inspired by one of these things



Make a colourful collage of ELMER'S Jungle

Get creative with colour by making this jungle collage inspired by David McKee's artwork

You will need:

- An Elmer book for inspiration
- Some pieces of thick paper or thin card use whatever you have available like paper bags or cereal boxes
- Paints any paint will do
- Pots for mixing colours

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- Scissors
- Glue

Instructions:

- Paint each of your pieces of paper in a different colour and then leave them to dry. The trees and plants in Elmer's jungle aren't just green and brown, so mix lots of bright colours so that you can create a collage as colourful as Elmer's world.
- When the paint has dried, cut the colourful pieces of paper into shapes inspired by the plants, trees and flowers in Elmer's jungle. Use the pictures in the Elmer book as a starting point, but you can also invent your own.
 - Spend some time playing around with arranging the shapes into plants. Then try out different ways of arranging the plants into a jungle scene before gluing them down.
 - Finally, you could add some extra details like dots or stripes with more paint.









HOW TO DRAW AN ELEPHANT

Learn how to draw Elmer and his elephant friends.



Draw an egg for the body.



Give him some legs.

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Add a trunk. Make it a little curvy!



Add an ear, a tail and an eye.



Practise drawing an elephant here.

Make your own ELMER ears!

You can be just like Elmer with these colourful, patchwork ears!

You will need:

- White card
- A pencil
- Colouring pencils or felt tip pens
- Glue or sticky tape
- Scissors (We recommend a grown-up does the cutting out!)
- Elmer ear template



Instructions:

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Cut a strip of card to wrap around your head and sit like a crown. Stick the ends of your headband together. **Top Tip:** You could try using coloured tissue paper for the patches!

- Cut out the ear template (enclosed in this pack) and draw around it twice on to card, then cut out the two ears.
 - Draw patches onto the ears and colour them in using bright colours.
 - Fold the tab on the ears and apply glue or sticky tape.
 - Stick the ears to either side of the headband.

Share pictures of your patchwork creation on social media using #ElmerDay



ELMER CROSSWORD





Can you help Elmer find his way to the Elmer Day parade?





ELMER'S Hide and Seek Game

Cut out the characters and hide them around your space (you may want to laminate or mount them on coloured card first).





Discover more ELMER stories!





















PLUS - Another classic picture book from David McKee Not Now, Bernard Special 40th anniversary edition Coming June 2020





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