

You will need:

- Cardboard (good way to use all the boxes from all those deliveries!)
- Sock (any color will do; not all elephants are gray, the Zoo's aren't!!!)
- Scissors
- X-acto knife or utility knife (adults only please)
- Construction paper or regular paper
- Round dinner plate and ~3-inch-wide cup
- Pencil
- Paint and paint brushes or markers
- Hot glue
- Regular glue

Optional:

- Wiggly eyes



Directions:

1. Trace a dinner plate on the cardboard
2. Place edge of cup at the center point of the circle and trace the cup
3. If large enough piece of cardboard, draw elephant ears on the large circle. **OR** on another piece of cardboard draw a large heart (you will cut the heart in half and you have elephant ears!)
4. Cut out the elephant head (or large circle and heart)
5. Using the X-acto knife or utility knife cut out the small circle
6. Color cardboard whatever color you want using paint or markers
7. Using hot glue, attach the sock opening to the back of the cardboard (stretch out the sock opening first, you can also make small cuts on the edge of the sock to help it stretch better)
8. Draw mouth piece and tusk pieces out on construction paper or regular paper (and eyes if do not have wiggly eyes)
9. Cut out mouth and tusk pieces (and eyes) and color if needed
10. Glue eyes, mouth and tusks (and ears if needed) on to elephant's head
11. Decorate the "trunk" however you want



Steps 1-5



Steps 3-5



Step 7



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Materials Ideas:

- Various objects to pick-up
- Blindfold
- Paintbrush
- Paint
- Bowls

This activity is flexible, try substituting whatever you have at home.

Directions:

Now that you have an elephant puppet, try these activities:

1. Try picking up different objects using your “trunk”
2. Wear a blindfold and using your “trunk” feel different objects and try to guess what they are
3. Many elephants can paint with their trunks, grab a paintbrush and make your own masterpiece using your “trunk”!
4. If 2 or more people, have an elephant trunk relay race:
 - a. Split in to 2 teams
 - b. Place 2 bowls filled with “peanuts” (balls, marbles, actual peanuts, etc.) at one end of a room or yard
 - c. Place 2 empty bowls at the other end of the room/yard
 - d. Starting at the end with the empty bowls, have the elephants walk/run down to other end and pick up one “peanut” from their team’s bowl with their “trunk” and bring it back and place in their team’s empty bowl
 - e. If more than 1 person/team, have each elephant take turns getting the “peanuts”
 - f. First team to bring all the “peanuts” back to start end, wins!

Optional: have each elephant take turns calling out how the elephants will travel (hop, skip, etc.)