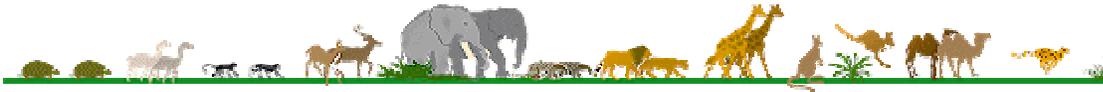


ANIMAL CRAFTS

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FROG

Materials:

Green felt
Pompoms in two different sizes
Wiggle eyes
Tacky glue
Scissors

Instructions:

Step One – Draw a pattern of a frog on a green piece of felt.

Step Two - Glue one large pompom in the center of the frog legs. Glue two small pompoms onto the large pompom at the frog's head. Glue a wiggle eye onto each small pompom.

Step Three - That's it! Enjoy!

CORK SQUIRREL

Materials:

Cork
Wiggly eyes
Cotton ball
Small brown pompom
Brown construction paper
Brown marker
Scissors
Glue

Instructions:

1. Stretch the cotton ball out to make a tail for the squirrel. Dab the cotton with the side of the brown marker to add color. Glue the tail to one side of the cork.
2. Glue two wiggly eyes and the pompom nose to the front of the cork.
3. Cut two ears from the construction paper. Glue the ears to the front above the eyes.
4. Using various sizes of corks, you can create a squirrel family!

PAPER BAG OWL

Materials:

Paper bag
Constructions paper
Crayons
Newspaper
Twigs

Instructions:

Cut an upside down U in the open end of the bag to leave 2 feet. You add 2 pointed ears, a diamond mouth and two eyes. Have the children color lines for his hair and add two black claws. Stuff the bag with some newspaper. That day we went on a walk and we each looked for a twig. We used that twig to perch the owl on. Just put the twig near the bottom of the owl and staple the bag together.

PAPER PLATE OWL

Materials:

Paper plates (the kind with the ridged edges)
Circles of orange construction paper for eyes
V-shaped pieces of orange construction paper for bills and claws
Magic markers
Brown tempera paint
Glue

Instructions:

1. Using the magic marker, draw cutting lines on each paper plate at 10, 2, 5 and 7 O'clock, and along the inner edge of the ridges (these will be the wings). Have the children cut their plates on the lines.
2. Have the children paint the pieces of the paper plate with brown tempera paint and let dry.
3. Staple the owl's wings to the bodies for the children (or use brads for more moveable wings).
4. Have the children glue the eyes, beaks and claws onto their owls.

SQUIRREL

Materials:

Squirrel pattern
Brad
Shredded wheat
Glue
Crayons

Instructions:

1. Create a squirrel pattern with an attached tail (brad). The bigger the better.
2. Give the kids a square of shredded wheat and let them crumble it all up to shreds and then they can glue this to the tail (or all over; whatever they want).

SWIMMING DUCK

Materials:

Yellow, blue, white and orange construction paper
Scissors
Paste or glue

Instructions:

1. Trace around one hand on white paper, cut it out.
2. Cut out a yellow duck body and yellow duck head, orange feet and an orange bill. Glue them on blue paper. Use the handprint sideways as the ducks wings.
3. Draw an eye on the duck and water lines around the duck.

BUG EYES

Materials:

Egg cartons
Pipe cleaners
Markers and/or paint
Scissors

Instructions:

1. Cut the bottom of the egg carton so there are two cups to each section. You can get six on a 1-dozen egg carton.
2. Cut the bottoms out of each section for eye holes. Let kids paint them or use markers to decorate them. You can let them glue feathers and sequins on them too.
3. Use pipe cleaners for antennas. Punch holes on the sides and attach pipe cleaners, form pipe cleaners to fit around their ears.

DRAGON FLY

Materials:

Paper towel tube
Yellow paper
Large wiggle eyes

Instructions:

1. Use a paper towel tube and have them decorate a piece of paper (yellow) that fits around the tube. Then tape it around the tube.
2. Trace the children's hands (2) and tape one to either side of the tube near the top.
3. Add wiggle eyes (oval shaped - flat on bottom), so that they are sticking up above top of tube.
4. It looks like it's clapping its hands - it's actually flapping its wings.

LADY BUG BOWL

Materials:

Paper bowls
Black paper circles
Construction paper

Instructions:

1. Paint the bottom of a paper bowl red.
2. Stick black paper circles on it (for the spots).
3. Add paper legs and head. Pipe cleaners can also be used for the legs.

LION'S ROAR!

Materials:

Stapler
Newspaper
Wallpaper paste
Scraps of construction paper
Cardboard cereal box
Scissors
Egg carton
Paint
Paintbrush
Glue
Felt pieces

Instructions:

1. Cut the cardboard into long strips about 2 in wide. Make a hoop that is big enough to go over your head and rest on your shoulders. Fasten the cardboard strip into a hoop with a stapler.
2. Use the hoop as the base for a cardboard cage. Fasten a number of strips that fit over your head from one side of the base to the other. Remember it should look like a cage going around your head.
3. Cover the cage with layered strips of torn newspaper that have been dipped into wallpaper paste. When the cage is covered with this paper mache, let it dry. Repeat this step by placing another layer on top.
4. Put the cage over your head, once dry, and feel where you should make the holes for the eyes and nose. Take the mask off and cut out the eyes and nose. Make the lion's features with crumpled paper and egg cartons for the prominent cheeks. Glue these onto the mask.
5. Cover the mask with another layer of paper mache and let it dry.
5. Paint the mask. You can use colored felt to make a mane.

STICKY BUTTERFLY

Materials:

Construction paper
Contact paper
Tissue paper

Instructions:

1. Fold a piece of construction paper in half from top to bottom and cut out the shape of a butterfly.
2. Cut out the center of the wings on both sides to make frames.
3. Cut clear contact paper (or wax paper with glue) to cover the hole in each wing. Now you have sticky space for a wing.
4. Give the children colored tissue paper to put on the sticky part.

BAGGIE BUTTERFLIES

Materials:

Snack size zipper bags
Tissue paper
Colored cellophane
Chenille stem

Instructions:

1. Fill the snack size zipper bags with scraps of tissue paper and cellophane.
2. Gather them in the middle with a half of a chenille stem.
3. Twist and bend the stem into antennae.

CUPCAKE LINER BUTTERFLIES

Materials:

Cupcake liners
Markers
Pipe cleaners

Instructions:

1. Flatten out cupcake liners and color with markers or crayons many different colors.
2. Pinch liners in the center and wrap with pipe cleaners using the left over to make antennae.

MOVEABLE ANIMALS

Materials:

Pencil
Scissors
Colored cardboard
Brads (paper fasteners)
Hole puncher
Glue
Popsicle sticks

Instructions:

1. Choose one animal and draw the outline of its head, body, arms, and legs separately on a piece of colored cardboard. Cut these pieces out.
2. Make holes at the joints with a hole punch. Don't make the holes too near the edge of the cardboard because it might tear.
3. Use brads to join the parts together.
4. Make parts for lots of different animals.

Variation:

To make the animals into shadow puppets, glue Popsicle sticks to the back of the head and elbows. Let the legs dangle. Stand in front of a well-lit wall, move the sticks, and see the shadow of the animal move!

CURLY CATERPILLARS

Materials:

Construction paper
Glue

Instructions:

1. Have the children glue colored paper strips (approx. 1 1/2 X 8 inch) into rings. Glue six or seven rings together to form a long caterpillar.
2. The children can draw faces and use pipe cleaners as antennae.

FIREFLY

Materials:

Wooden ice cream spoons
Glow in the dark paint
Black paper
Tissue paper (or wax paper)

Instructions: Use the little wooden spoons that come with ice cream cups for the body of your firefly. Paint the spoon with the glow in the dark neon paint. Let dry. Glue two black dots on one end of the spoon for eyes. Cut tissue paper or wax paper into ovals and let kids glue an oval on each side for wings.

TIE SNAKE

Materials:

Old ties
Poly-Fill stuffing
Wiggly eyes
Glue
Wire hanger

Instructions:

1. If you would like your snake to be bendable, straighten out a wire hanger or use some other type of wire. Make sure you fold down the ends of the wire with some needle nose pliers so that the edges are very smooth. Insert the hanger into the tie.
2. Stuff the tie with poly-fill from each end of the snake.
3. Glue or sew the tail end of the snake closed.
4. Push some stuffing up into the point of the snake's head (the wider end of the tie). Glue the end closed and glue on some wiggly eyes to finish.

FISH BUTTON BLANKET

Materials:

Felt
Plastic pearly buttons
Glue
Needle and thread

Instructions: Draw your fish shape on felt and cut it out. Use a bold colored felt piece for this. Glue or sew the fish onto a blue colored piece of felt that is bigger to represent the ocean. Next, sew buttons onto the outline of the fish to further attach it to the blue felt. You then sew buttons for the features, such as an eye, the scales in a row, and around the fins.

BUG GUEST HOUSE

Materials:

1 qt milk carton
Old pantyhose
Rubber band
Heavy scissors or craft knife
Old Magazines
Glue

Instructions: Cut two window openings on the sides of the milk carton. Look thru magazines for colorful pictures. Trim and glue them to cover the milk carton, making a nature picture collage. When the glue is dry, cut a leg off the pantyhose, and pull it up over the box, having the toe at the base of the carton. Place your bug, plants and water, then pull the hose up tightly, and trim, leaving about 3" to tie in a knot, or fasten w/ the rubber band. Watch your bug for a few hours or overnight, then set it free. Save bug house for another guest.

MUDDY PIGS

Materials:

Pink paper
Shaving cream
Brown paint

Instructions: Copy a pig onto large pink construction paper and cut out. Give each kid a small cup of shaving cream, adding a few drops of brown paint for them to mix up. Now they can paint their pink pig with 'mud'.

THUMBPRINT ANIMALS

Materials:

Construction paper
Pink paint, red paint, black paint
Markers

Instructions: Have children put pink thumbprints on a piece of construction paper and make the prints into pigs. Use black paint for cows, red for roosters, etc. Use a marker to add legs, beaks, etc. Be creative!

MILK CARTON BARN

Materials:

Half or 1-pint cardboard milk carton
Red and black paint
Paintbrush
Marker
Box cutter or craft knife

Instructions: Have the child paint the entire milk carton with red paint. After it has dried, use the box cutter to cut a door and window in the carton. When the window and door are cut, the child may complete the barn by painting the roof black and outlining the door and window in black.

3. When completely dry, the child may use the barn as a home for small plastic farm animals.

BARNYARD MURAL

Materials:

Long sheet of butcher paper
Paint
Paintbrush
Markers or crayons
Glue
Rice

Instructions: Draw a barn and the surrounding barnyard on the butcher paper. Paint the children's palms the color of their choice, and ask them to press it onto the mural in the appropriate area. Quickly wash the paint off the children's hands. When dry, ask the children to draw a face and feet onto each handprint, transforming it into a rooster or a turkey.

HAND HORSES

Materials:

Brown paint
Paper
Brown marker

Instructions: Take brown paint and paint a child's hand. Then press the hand down on paper and with fingers pointing down. The fingers are the legs and the thumb is the head. Draw the mane and hoofs and eyes and tail and you have handprint horses.

SHEEP

Materials:

Black paper
White paper
White crayon
Hole reinforcements
Scissors

Instructions: Trace each child's hand onto black paper using a white crayon. (Fingers spread very little, thumb spread out as far as possible). Cut out the hands. Glue the cut out hand onto white paper. (Finger facing down. Fingers are the feet and the thumb is the head and neck.) Cover the body of the sheep with the sticky hole reinforcements to give it a curly woolly look. Draw on an eye with the white crayon. Then draw grass on the background.

DINOSAUR CROWNS

Materials:

Sponges
Scissors
Construction paper
Paint

Instructions:

1. Cut out sponges in the shapes of footprints that dinosaurs would make.
2. Sponge paint a crown shape strip of construction paper.
3. Label with child's name, like Chrisosaurus or Tyranosaurus-Fred, for example.

ELBOW SKELETON

Materials:

Photocopy of T-Rex
Elbow macaroni
Glue

Instructions:

1. Provided each of the children with a copy of a T-rex.
2. Glue elbow macaroni on it to represent the dinosaur skeleton.

CEREAL APPATOSAURS

Materials:

Pencil
Scissors
Dry cereal
Poster board
White craft glue
Tempera paint
Waxed paper or newspapers
Cotton swab or paint brush

Instructions:

- 1) Draw a dinosaur outline on poster board. Cut the dinosaur out of the poster board.
- 2) Dab a small amount of glue onto the dinosaur. Place cereal on the glue (as much as you like.) Let glue dry for a few hours or overnight.
- 3) Cover your work area with newspaper or wax paper. Use a cotton swab as a paintbrush and paint your dinosaur. Let paint dry.

DINSOSAUR MASK

Materials:

Large paper grocery bag
Glue
Markers
Scissors
Construction paper cut into strips (2-3") in a variety of colors
Stapler

Instructions:

- 1) Cut the bag all the way around about 1/3 up from the bottom.
- 2) Take the bottom part of the grocery bag and turn it upside down.
- 3) Place it on child's head, trace holes for eyes, and cut out.
- 4) Using the other part of the bag, cut it so that it is the same width as the width of the dinosaur head. (This will be the dinosaur's tail)
- 5) Use the strips of construction paper to make spikes and glue on the dinosaurs tail (look like triangle shapes).
- 6) Staple the tail to the back of the dinosaurs head, and there you have your dinosaur!

PAPER BAG OCTOPUS

Materials:

Paper lunch bags or larger
Grocery bags
Paper scraps
Colored construction paper
Large wiggly eyes (optional)
Tape
Glue
Paint

Instructions:

1. Stuff a paper bag with wrinkled up paper scraps.
2. Cut strips of paper about 2" wide depending on how big you are making your octopus. Fan fold the strips and glue them together to make longer legs.
3. Gather eight legs together and stuff the ends into the stuffed bag. Tape the bag closed around the legs.
4. Have fun painting your octopus.
5. To finish glue on wiggly eyes or make your own eyes.

SEA ANIMAL PLASTER PICTURE FRAME

Materials:

Plastic frame mold
Sea Animals mold. The molds can be found where they sell the Fimo clay.
Plaster of Paris
Watercolor paints
Glue
Cardboard

Instructions:

1. Mix the plaster up according to the directions.
2. Pour (or spoon in) it into the molds. Use a thicker plaster mix for the frames this will make them stronger. Use a thinner plaster mix for the sea animals this will make them easier to pour.
3. After you have the plaster in the molds, pick up the molds and tap them lightly on the table about 10 times to get the bubbles out.
4. Let the molds dry for at least an hour.
5. When the plaster is set turn the molds over and gently push on the back of the mold to get the frames and animals out. Let them dry completely for a couple of days.
6. Paint the frames and animals with water color paints and then let dry. Be careful to not get too much water on the frames because it will make them weaker and more likely to break. You may want to glue some cardboard to the back of the frames around the edges before you paint them to make them sturdier.
7. When the frame is completely dry glue the animals onto the frame. Cut a piece of poster board 3 1/4" wide by 10 3/4". Fold the poster board up 1" at the bottom and then fold it up 1 1/2" and then fold it up 2" and then 2" again. You should have 4 1/4" left that is not folded. Tape a favorite picture in place and then glue the 4 1/4" side onto the back of the plaster frame. Glue the 1 1/2" side onto the back of the frame and roll the first 1" side inside to form a triangle shape for the frame to rest on and hold it up.

FEATHER BIRD

Materials:

Bag of colorful feathers
Markers
Wiggly eyes
Pipe cleaners
Glue
Cardboard

Instructions:

1. Draw an outline of a bird on cardboard and cut out.
2. Color the beak.
3. Fold pipe cleaners to resemble feet and glue on the back.
4. Glue feathers on the front. Glue a different color feather for the wing and glue on an eye.

HORSING AROUND

Materials:

5 toilet paper tubes
1 paper towel tube
Masking tape
Newspaper torn in strips
Small bowl of wallpaper paste
Paintbrush
Paint
Scissors
Felt

Instructions:

1. Cut the paper towel tube so it is just slightly larger than the toilet paper tubes. These will be the legs, neck, and head of the horse. Take one of the leg tubes, flatten it slightly, and cut the top at an angle so that it fits the body tube. Cut the other three leg tubes in the same way. Cut the top and bottom of the neck tube and the top of the head tube at an angle, as well.
2. Tape the tubes together to form the horse's body. Cover the tubes with a layer of torn newspaper dipped in the wallpaper paste. Cover the joints carefully. Wait for the paper mache to dry. Cover the tubes with about three layers of paper mache.
3. Paint your horse and decorate it with felt cut in strips for the mane and the tail. Glue the felt pieces to the horse.

PUFFER FISH

Materials:

Old egg cartons
Construction paper
Fishing line
Wiggly eyes
Glue

Instructions:

1. Cut the 2 bottom (cup) parts of an egg carton out. Colored egg cartons are good for colorful fish.
2. Draw an outline of the cups on construction paper that goes with the egg cup.
3. Take the outline and add a fish head outline and top and tail fin outlines. Cut out the outlines together. (It will look like a flat fish).
4. Apply glue to the egg cup rims and then glue together with the construction paper outline in the middle.
5. Add craft eyes and draw in fin details with lines.
6. You can add a little fishing line when gluing together body if you want to hang it after glue dries.

SEA CREATURE WIND MOBILE

Materials:

Pipe cleaner
Beads
Foam paper
Foam sea creature cutouts (come in a package already cut)
Scissors
Hole punch
String

Instructions:

1. Cut out a 6" circle from a piece of fun foam. Cut in a circular direction around the circle until you come to the middle. Punch a hole in the top (inside of the circle) and two holes at the bottom (outside of the circle) as shown in the picture.
2. Bend the very bottom of the pipe cleaner into a loop and then push the top of the pipe cleaner through the two holes at the bottom.
3. Punch two holes in your fun foam sea creature one on top of the other and feed the pipe cleaner through the holes. (Make sure the sea creature is not upside down.)
4. Now string on some pretty beads.
5. When you have all the pretty beads on the pipe cleaner you want put the pipe cleaner through the other hole of the cut fun foam.
7. Bend this end of the pipe cleaner in a loop and tie a string to hang the mobile to the loop.
8. Tie a string to the bottom loop of the mobile and string some beads onto the string.
9. Tie a knot at the bottom to finish.

ANIMAL LITTER BAGS

Materials:

Paper grocery Bags
Stapler or Tape
Glue
Crayons
Construction Paper
Scissors

Instructions:

1. Cut out a large mouth opening on the plain side of the paper bag.
2. Color or cut out eyes, ears, nose, feet, etc.
3. Now go for a walk and pick up trash to feed your animals.

PAPER SNAKES

Materials:

Paper Plates
Crayons
Scissors

Instructions:

1. Color designs on both sides of the paper plate.
2. Start cutting the plate, working from the outside-in, into a spiral shape (the outside edge will be the tail and the inside edge will be the head, so you want to go from thick to thin).
3. Draw a face on your snake!

BEE BALLOON DECORATION

Materials:

Two large yellow balloons
Yellow and black tissue paper
Paper glue (rubber cement)
Black permanent marker
Black pipe cleaner
Small black pompoms
Tape
Black heavy-duty thread to hang

Instructions:

1. Blow up the two yellow balloons, one half the size of the other. Glue them together using rubber cement pressing the two rounded ends together. To glue together paint the rubber cement on each of the balloons and let dry for a few seconds and then press together.
2. Cut a strip of black tissue paper about 4" wide and tape around the center of the body. Cut two large circles of black tissue paper. Use a plate to trace around. Cut into the circles and cut out the center. Place one circle around the neck of the bee like a collar. Cut off any extra tissue paper and tape the tissue paper down. Do the same at the bottom of the bee.
3. Crinkle up a sheet of yellow tissue paper bringing the long side of the tissue paper together to form wings. Tape at the center. Cut the wings to the right size. Tape them to the back of the bee at the neck area.
4. Fold a black pipe cleaner in half, glue a pompom to each end of the pipe cleaner, and wrap it around the knot on the top of the bees head.
5. Draw on eyes and a mouth with a black permanent marker.
6. Tie a piece of thread to the top of the head to hang the bee.

FISH IN WATER SPONGE PAINTING

Materials:

Sponges

Sponge rollers with wave pattern (made by Plaid found in craft stores)

Paint (different colors of paint)

Light blue construction paper

Instructions:

1. Cut fish shapes out of sponges or use fish shaped sponges.
2. Squeeze dark blue paint onto a foam plate. Show children how to roll the sponge back and forth to pick up the paint and then roll it back and forth onto the blue construction paper to make waves.
3. Squeeze different colors of paint onto separate foam plates. Have at least one sponge fish per plate. Have the children press the sponges filled with paint onto their picture.
4. You can also use an eraser on the end of a pencil dipped in paint to make bubbles. We also used jumbo dotters (Made by Plaid and found at craft stores) of different shapes to make plants at the bottom of the sea.

SPIDER

Materials:

Black or other colors of pipe cleaners

1 1/4" black pompom

3/4" wiggly eyes

Hot melt glue

Pencil

Instructions:

1. Cut four pipe cleaners in half. Fold the halves in half to find the middle. Wrap all pipe cleaners around each other in the centers to form the leg.
2. Glue the pompom onto the center of the legs. Bend the end of each leg up so that the wire isn't sticking out. Bend the legs to look like spider legs.
3. Glue on wiggly eyes.
4. Glue on another color pipe cleaner onto the bottom of the spider in the middle.
5. Put some glue on the top of the pencil and stick the spider to the top of the pencil. Wrap the pipe cleaner around the pencil starting at the eraser end of the pencil. Glue the end of the pipe cleaner to the pencil.

LADYBUG

Materials:

1-1/2" Red pompom
3/4" black pompom
Tiny wiggly eyes
Black heavy gauge florist wire
Black pipe cleaner
Hot melt glue
Needle nose pliers
Pencil

Instructions:

1. Separate the fur on the red pompom as much as possible making a hole in the pompom. Put some glue on the end of the pencil and stick it in the hole. Press the fur of the pompom around the pencil and glue.
2. Glue the black pompom on the side (or top) of the red pompom. Glue on wiggly eyes.
3. Cut a small piece of wire and bend down the ends with some needle nose pliers to make the antennae.
4. Make two holes in the black pompom. Place a drop of glue on the end of each antenna and press them into the holes. Press the fur around the end of the antenna.

AN ANT

Materials:

Two 2-1/2" Styrofoam eggs
One 1/2" Styrofoam ball
Four pipe cleaners
Wiggly eyes
Black or red acrylic paint
Toothpicks (the large type)

Instructions:

1. Poke two toothpicks halfway into the big end of both egg shapes. Press the ball onto one egg shape and then press the other egg shape onto the other end of the ball shape.
2. Paint the ant with black or red acrylic paint.
3. When the paint is dry cut the pipe cleaners in half, save two halves for the antennae. Fold the other halves in half and twist the ends around each other. Insert the folded pipe cleaners (pointy ends into the Styrofoam) into the middle of the body for legs. Fold them to look like ant legs. Insert the reserved half pipe cleaners into the head and glue on eyes.

WALKING STICK BUG

Materials:

Sticks
Brown or tan pipe cleaners
Wiggly eyes

Instructions:

1. Fold 3 pipe cleaners in half. Place a pipe cleaner on the stick at the fold. Wind the pipe cleaners around the stick by bringing the ends of the pipe cleaners around each other and twisting. Bend the legs so that one joint comes up over the stick. Make two more bends in the pipe cleaner. Do this for the other two sets of legs.
2. To make the antennae fold a pipe cleaner in half. Put it over the head end of your bug. Wind the pipe cleaner around the tip of the stick to make the head.
3. Glue on eyes.

COFFEE FILTER BUTTERFLY

Materials:

2 coffee filters
2 craft spoons
Movable eyes
Chenille stems
Hot melt glue
Paint
Food coloring
Ear dropper
Craft stick

Instructions: Paint crafts spoons on one side. Glue eyes on the front of the spoon and antennae onto the back of one spoon. Flatten both coffee filters and cut one so it is smaller than the other. Bunch up both filters to form wings. Glue both filters onto the spoon to form the butterfly as shown. Glue the craft stick onto the bottom of the spoon for a handle and then glue the other painted spoon onto the back of the butterfly. Have ready 3 or 4 cups of water. Add drops of food coloring to each cup. (The more food coloring you use and the less water the brighter the butterfly). Place the butterfly on a paper towel. Now using the ear dropper drop the colored water onto the butterfly to make a pretty design. Let dry.

GLOW IN THE DARK CREATURES

Materials:

Craft Spoons
Craft sticks
Wiggly eyes
Glow in the dark paint or markers
Glue

Instructions: Cut the craft sticks to form legs and glue them onto the back of a craft spoon or jumbo craft stick. Paint the creature with glow in the dark paint or use markers. When the paint is dry glue on wiggly eyes. Expose your completed creature to a bright light and then go in a room or closet that is completely dark and watch your creature glow.

EGG CARTON STEGOSAURUS

Materials:

Two cardboard egg cartons
Four toilet paper rolls
Paint
Glue
Scissors

Instructions:

1. Use one TP roll for the body. Cut another TP roll about 3" long. Cut 1/2" slits into one end of the roll. Put glue around the slit end and slide it into the body TP roll to make the neck.
2. Cut another TP roll about 3 1/4" long to make the back legs. Cut a "U" shape out of one end about 2" long and as wide as the TP roll. Cut it to fit around the body TP roll. Glue it onto the body.
3. Cut another TP roll about 2 1/2" long for the front legs. Cut two "U" shapes to fit the TP roll around the body TP roll.
4. Cut little "V" shapes at the bottom of the legs and draw lines all the way up to the top of the legs to make the legs look separate.
5. Cut a center bumps out of the egg cartons leaving them attached to each other. Separate one bump to use as the head. Glue it to the neck.
6. Use the other row of bumps for the dinosaur's boney plates. Glue them along the top of the neck and body.
7. Paint the dinosaur.

DINOSAUR FEET

Materials:

Shoebox size boxes
Paint
Foam paper
Glue gun
Knife
Newspaper
Duck tape

Instructions:

1. Cut a small hole in one end of each box just big enough for a child's foot to fit in.
2. Tape the box closed with strong tape. Stuff the inside front and sides of the box with newspaper leaving just enough room for a child's foot to fit inside.
3. Spray paint the boxes a dinosaur color and let them dry.
4. Cut out 2 inch claws from fun foam and glue them to the front top of the box.

ROCK TYRANNASAURUS

Materials:

Rocks in the shape of dinosaur parts
Paint
Black permanent markers

Instructions:

1. Go for a hike and collect rocks that will fit together to look like a dinosaur. Bring them home and wash them off and let them dry.
2. Paint the rocks with permanent paint. Draw in the dinosaurs' features with a marker. Set the rocks outside in your garden.

EGG CARTON ANIMALS

Materials:

Egg Cartons
Glue
Crayons, paint, or markers
Scissors
Construction Paper
Optional - pipe cleaners, buttons, beads, etc.

Just use your imagination and supplies to create many different animals. Use the egg carton cups as the body (glue two together in a ball shape or leave a few of them together for a caterpillar; the possibilities are almost endless!) Use paper, crayons, and various other supplies as you choose!

ANIMAL LOVERS

Materials:

Thin cardboard
Scissors
Colored paper or card stock
Pencil
Glue stick
Wiggly eyes and stickers
Colored markers
Pushpin
Ribbon or string

Instructions:

Step 1: Cut a heart-shaped template, about 2 1/2 inches high by 2 1/2 inches wide, out of thin cardboard. Your child can trace around it in pencil to make the shapes he'll need.

Step 2: To make a mouse, cut out two-colored paper or card stock hearts (one for the body, one for the head) and glue them together, as shown. To accent the ears, glue a different shade of paper semicircles to the upper curves of the head. Then fold the ears so they'll stand upright. Attach wiggly eyes and a sticker nose. Use the pushpin to make a hole for the tail. Thread ribbon or string through it and knot the ends to keep them from slipping back through. Finally, print a Valentine's message on the mouse's body.

Step 3: For an elephant, trace around the template, then, before cutting out the shape, draw a curved trunk that extends directly from the bottom of the heart. Cut out the head as one piece and flip it over so the pencil lines won't show. Glue the tips of two heart-shaped ears to the back of the head. Attach wiggly eyes and decorative stickers. Then add your message.

WIGGLE EYE ANIMAL

Materials:

Construction Paper
Scissors
Glue
Plastic Wrap
Small Beads
Bottle Caps

Instructions: Cut a circle (head) out of construction paper, and cut out holes for the eyes (they should be a little smaller than the bottle caps). Color or use construction face to create the rest of the face. Turn the head upside down, and glue a piece of plastic wrap over the eye holes. Place a small bead on the saran wrap, in the middle of the eye hole. Place a bottle cap over each eyehole, rim edges down, and seal it in place with tape.

HOOT OWL

Materials:

Paper grocery Bags
Stapler or Tape
Crayons, markers, or paint
Construction Paper
Scissors
Yarn or Thread

Instructions:

1. Turn a paper grocery bag upside down. Cut two ear shapes out of the bottom, but don't cut on the fold line, so they can be folded up.
2. Cut a wing shape on each side (the small sides) of the bag, being careful not to cut on the fold so they can be folded forward. Draw or paint on the owl features (beak, eyes, feather markings, etc).
3. Add a piece of yarn or thread on the back of each ear for hanging.

PAPER BAG ANIMALS

Materials:

Paper grocery Bags
Newspaper
Rubber Bands or String
Glue
Crayons
Construction Paper
Scissors

Instructions:

1. Crumple up newspaper and stuff into paper bag until it is about half full. Put a rubber band or tie a piece of yarn around it to form the neck.
2. Stuff the rest of the bag and close it off with a rubber band or piece of yarn (this is the bottom). Decorate to look like desired animal.

CLIMBING CRITTERS

Materials:

Crayons or markers
Paper plate
Scissors
Drinking straw
Stapler
String
Paper towel tube
2 wooden beads

Instructions:

Step 1:

Use crayons or markers to draw an animal on the paper plate. Cut out the drawing with scissors and then color the flip side.

Step 2:

Cut two 1-inch pieces off the straw. Roll the end of each foreleg of the animal over one of the straw pieces and staple the edge of the paper in place.

Step 3:

Cut two 4-foot lengths of string and tie them around the ends of the paper towel tube.

Step 4:

Thread the strings through the straw pieces. Then, tie a bead to the end of each string.

Step 5:

To make the animal climb, first use a short piece of string to hang the tube overhead--from a cupboard knob perhaps. Then, slide the cutout to the bottom of the strings. Using the beads as handles, pull the strings gently, alternating from side to side, and the animals will scoot to the top.

DRAGON PUPPET

Materials:

Knit glove finger
Buttons
Felt
Green cardboard
Orange paper
Tissue paper
Stapler
Staples
Glue
Scissors

Instructions: Cut the finger off a knit glove. Glue on 2 small buttons for eyes. Cut a set of spiky scales (small triangles) from a piece of felt and glue them on. For the mouth, cut a piece of green cardboard so that it looks like the base of two bowling pins connected together. Line the mouth with orange paper and tissue paper flames stapled inside. Then fold it in half where the base meets the other base and glue it on.

TEDDY BEAR FACES

Materials:

Cardboard
Wiggle Eyes or
Large Sequins
Scrap Fur Fabric
Glue

Instructions:

1. Each child gets a teddy bear head cardboard cutout - circle with two circular ear shapes in appropriate place. They have to glue on nose and mouth shapes and eyes. Use wiggle eyes, but large sequins would also make interesting eyes. Use scraps of fluffy fabric to glue on the ears.
2. Cut out strips of paper from magazines and glue them to hang around the bottom half of the teddy.
4. Attach thread to the top so they could hang up like a mobile.

BEAR NECKLACE

Materials:

Sand Paper
Cinnamon Sticks
String or yarn

Instructions:

Rub cinnamon sticks on bears cut from sand paper. Punch hole in the bear and wear for necklace.

WOOLY LAMBS

Materials:

Poster Board
Cotton Balls
Glue
Clothes Pins
Wiggly Eyes

Instructions:

1. Cut 6" ovals out of poster board for body, then a 2" for head. Kids glue head on to body.
2. Next, kids glue cotton balls on to the lamb.
3. Glue wiggly eyes on and put clothes pins on for legs. They should be able to stand up.

LIONS

Materials:

Construction Paper
Glue
Crayons
Rice Krispy cereal

Instructions:

1. Fold a piece of yellow construction paper in 1/2 then cut out a half circle as big as the 1/2 sheet itself. (This will be your all in one body and legs).
2. With more yellow paper create a roundish head have kiddies draw on their faces and paste on rice krispies for the mane.

BUG CATCHER

Materials:

Oatmeal Container
Glue or Tape
Screen or Netting Material
Yarn

Instructions: Use oatmeal container with lid. Cut large "window" in side and glue or tape screen on netting to inside over hole. Punch two holes in sides to add yarn handle.

BUG PUPPETS

Materials:

Paper Lunch Bags
Glue
Construction Paper
Crayons or Markers

Instructions: Use paper bags and have kids cut large circles for sections in bug and glue to paper bag, add face antennae, whatever. Also can make caterpillar puppet on tongue depressor with pompoms glued on, add wiggle eyes or buttons, and antennae.

ROCK BUGS

Materials:

Small Rocks
Glue
Pipe Cleaners
Paint
Misc. Supplies

Instructions:

1. Paint small rocks to look like ladybugs or other bugs.
2. Use pipe cleaners for legs on spiders, overhead transparencies or sheet protectors for wings, tiny beads for big bug-eyes.
3. Put a small piece of magnetic strip on the back if desired.

BUG EYES

Materials:

Egg Cartons
Markers or Paint
Pipe Cleaners

Instructions:

1. Cut the bottom of the egg carton so there are 2 cups to each section. You can get 6 on a 1 dozen egg carton.
2. Cut the bottoms out of each section for eye holes. Let kids paint them or use markers on them. They can even glue feathers and sequins on them.
3. Use pipe cleaners for antennas. Punch holes on the sides and attach pipe cleaners, form pipe cleaners to fit around their ears.

BUTTERFLIES

Materials:

Construction Paper, Wrapping Paper, or Wallpaper Scraps
Popsicle Sticks or Straws
Crayons
Scissors
Stapler or Tape

Instructions: Fold paper in half. Cut out butterfly wings, add about an extra inch where the body would be (on the fold). Be sure you don't cut the fold! Color as desired and glue a Popsicle stick where the body would be.

CLOTHESPIN BUTTERFLY

Materials:

Tissue Paper (5 inch square)
Clothespin
Pipe Cleaners
Markers

Instructions:

1. Make a butterfly by pinching opposite edges of tissue paper in the middle and inserting it in the clasp of the clothespin.
2. Wind a piece of pipe cleaner around the top of the clothespin for antennas.
3. Draw a face on the clothespin with a marker.
4. You can add a magnet to the back too!

BUG FINGERS

Materials:

Old Gloves
Pipe Cleaners
Scissors
Hot Glue or Tacky Glue
Miscellaneous craft supplies

Instructions: Cut the fingers off the gloves, they will be the bugs' body. Glue on pipe cleaners for legs, wiggly eyes, pompoms for noses, and feathers on back (or decorate as desired). Makes cute finger puppets.

DINOSAUR SNOUTS

Materials:

Disposable Cups
Construction Paper
Glue
Yarn

Instructions:

1. Use any kind of disposable cup. Cut bottom off and then cut large "V" slits up each side from bottom.
2. Add construction paper or rickrack teeth.
3. Add tongues and whatever else comes to mind.
4. Punch a hole on each side and add yarn to tie on to kids faces.

SLIPPERY SNAKES

Materials:

6 toilet paper rolls per snake
Yarn
Wiggly eyes or markers
Tape
Water color, washable paint in the colors of the snake
Red paper or felt for the tongue.

Instructions:

1. Paint each roll the main color of the snake you looked at in the pictures, then have the child paint the same designs as the snake has on his rolls.
2. Thread the rolls onto a piece of yarn, then tape the yarn to the front roll and back roll.
3. On the first roll either glue wiggly eyes or draw on with a marker.
4. Cut your red paper into a little "forked" tongue and glue on the bottom edge of the roll.

PAPER PLATE AQUARIUM

Materials & Instructions:

Color an underwater scene on the "eating" side of a paper plate. Glue goldfish crackers to the scene, a couple pieces of plastic plant for seaweed, and using glue and a little sand or soft dirt, make the sea floor. Using a second paper plate, cut a circle in the middle. Cut a circle of blue plastic wrap 1 inch in diameter larger than your hole in the plate. On the "eating" side of this plate, glue the blue plastic wrap so that it covers and overlaps the hole on the plate. Glue or staple both plates together with "eating" side toward the inside. Punch a hole in the top and string a piece of yarn through the hole to hang your aquarium from the ceiling.

PET ROCKS

Materials & Instructions:

Find smooth, flat or round rocks. Be sure to clean off any dirt or sand and dry completely before starting. Paint with acrylic paints. Decorate faces by using wiggly eyes, yarn for hair, markers, glitter, and any other tidbits you like.

FROGGIE FRIENDS

Materials:

Small paper plates
Red and green crayons
Wiggly eyes
Glue
Red construction paper cut in a strip
2 small square foam pieces
Small plastic fly or spider

Instructions:

1. Have child color the backside of the paper plate green and the inside of the paper plate red. Let Dry. Fold the paper plate in half. On top of the paper plate, glue the foam square pieces, standing up with wiggly eyes glued in the middle of the squares
2. Take the long piece of red construction paper and curl it with scissors. Glue this inside the red so that it resembles a frog's tongue. To make this extra special, glue a plastic fly or spider on to the end of the frog's tongue.

HAND PRINT ALLIGATORS

Materials:

Green Tempera Paint
Black construction paper
Pink paint
White paint
Circle of cork

Instructions:

1. Brush the palm of each child's hand with green tempera paint. Then have the child press his or her hand (with fingers together and thumb extended) on a sheet of black construction paper to make an open-jawed "alligator head."
2. Let the child use brushes to paint the alligator's body, tail and legs with green paint and its sharp teeth with white paint. Then let the child dip the end of a cork into pink paint and use it to print an eye near the top of the alligator's head.

OCEAN IN A BAG

Materials:

Zipper lock bag
Blue gel toothpaste
Fish stickers

Instructions:

1. Squirt an ample amount of toothpaste into the zip lock bag. Have the children squish it all around in the SEALED bag. Then reopen the bag and add fish and other sea life. Stickers work best because the toothpaste does not affect their appearance.

AMERICAN EAGLE

Materials:

Cardboard
Glue
Scissors
Elbow macaroni
Seashells
Gold spray paint

Instructions:

Draw a large eagle with wings spread out on cardboard and cut it out. Have children glue seashell and elbow macaroni to the eagle. Then spray the eagle with gold paint. You can also make smaller ones for the children to have individually.

ANIMAL MIX-UPS

Materials:

Colored construction paper or crayons
Poster board or recipe cards
Clear contact paper
Scissors

Instructions:

1. Color on poster board (recipe cards work also) or cut out animals from construction paper and mount on poster board (choose any animals you like).
2. Separate heads from the bodies.
3. Cover the body cards and the heads with the clear contact paper.
4. Let your child use their imagination as they try the heads on all the different bodies.

CAT EARS HEADBAND

Materials:

Construction Paper
Crayons or Markers
Stapler or Tape

Instructions:

1. Using the construction paper, cut out a strip of paper about 2 inches thick and long enough to wrap around your fore head (make sure you make it an inch or two longer so you can staple the ends together.)
2. Now, fold another piece of paper in half and cut out a set of pointy cat ears. If you want to add stripes, spots, or other designs to your cat ears, do it now.
3. Put the bottom edge of each ear up against the strip of paper and staple or tape them in place. Once the ears are attached, staple or tape the ends of the strip together to snugly fit around your fore head.

TEXTURE BEAR

Materials:

Lightweight Cardboard (Cereal Box)
Glue
Sand, Saw Dust, Coffee Grounds (one or all)
Wiggle Eyes
Scrap Material, Ribbon, Buttons, etc...

Instructions:

1. Using the cardboard, cut out a bear head shape - don't forget the ears (you can also cut out a shape that looks like the whole bear!) Using a Pencil, draw a few details on the cardboard bear; for example, if you cut out only a head, draw an oval where the nose and mouth would go, and draw small circles in the ears.
2. If you are using a full bear body, draw a large oval where the belly would be, and you can also draw the details on the face as above. Use your imagination!
Once you have the various bear parts sketched on, you can start adding the textures. Start by painting in your various bear part with glue. Decide what texture (sand, saw dust, coffee grounds) you want these parts, and sprinkle that texture onto the glue. Let this dry. Once that is dry, add the texture to the rest of your bear.
3. Once all your textures are dry, add the wiggle eyes, and a nose (pompom, button, or oval cut out of construction paper). You can then use the material, ribbon, buttons, etc to add more details!

CD BEAVER

Materials:

2 old CDs
Cardboard (from a cereal box, etc)
Felt and/or Construction Paper
Pompoms
Yarn
Glue

Instructions: Cut out 2 circles from the brown felt or construction paper the same size as the CDs (it is easiest to trace the CDs). Glue the brown circles onto one side of each of the CDs, covering the one side completely. For the face of the beaver: Use the felt or paper, pompoms, and yarn to cut out the beaver's facial features. You can cut out ears and eyes using felt or paper. Make a nose from a pompom, and a mouth using yarn. Don't forget the teeth! Glue these onto the felt or paper covered side of one of the CDs. For the back of the beaver: Cut a tail shape out of the cardboard. Paint it darker brown or cover it with dark brown felt or construction paper. Glue it towards the bottom edge of the felt or paper covered side of the other CD. Now for the slightly tricky part. Once the glue on the 2 CDs is dry, you want to attach them at the top and at an angle. This will make it so your beaver can stand! Glue the top edge together and make sure the bottom edges are about 3 inches apart. Cut a piece of cardboard about 3 inches long by 4 inches wide. Cover the cardboard with a piece of brown felt or paper with feet shape cut out. Glue the bottom part of the CDs onto the cardboard so the feet stick out the front.

ELEPHANT TRUNKS

Materials:

Gray Paint
Paper Towel Roll
Yarn

Instructions: Paint the paper towel roll gray. When they are dry punch two holes near one end and tie on some yarn. You can put it on and pretend to be an elephant.

WALKING LEMON BUG

Materials:

1 sheet tissue paper, 8" x 8"
1 lemon or 1 plastic lemon filled with water or sand
Felt markers

Instructions:

1. On the bottom part of the tissue paper, draw a face with the felt markers.
2. Twist each corner of the tissue paper until the paper makes a dome or tent.
3. Put the tissue paper tent down on a table or other flat surface and put the lemon under the tent.
4. Push the lemon and watch your bug walk.

WALNUT CRITTERS

Materials:

Unbroken English walnut half shells
Colored construction paper
Pipe cleaners
Black beans
White beans
Dried split peas
Cotton ball
Pencil
Scissors
Glue
Markers

Instructions:**Turtles**

1. Draw around the half shell of a walnut. Remove the shell and draw a small head and a small tail on the construction paper. Draw two small feet on each side.
2. Cut out this shape. It will become the bottom of the turtle. Turn it over and write your name on it.
3. Glue the bottom of the turtle to a walnut shell. Glue a split dried pea on each side of the shell to make the feet.
4. Glue a white bean at the front to make the head. Draw eyes and a mouth on the white bean with markers. Now you have a turtle.

Mice

1. Use a half walnut shell for the body.
2. Draw eyes at the front of the shell with marker.
3. Cut out a small red dot for the mouth or draw a small mouth on the shell.
4. Glue two white beans on each side of the shell for ears.
5. Use a pipe cleaner for the tail. Glue it in the back of the shell.
6. Place the mouse on a piece of construction paper. Trace around it. Remove the mouse and cut out the shell pattern. This becomes the bottom of the mouse. Print your name on it, then glue it to the shell. Make sure your name is still on the outside.

Rabbits

1. Use a half walnut shell for the body.
2. Use a white bean or a cotton ball for the tail. Draw the eyes at the front of the shell with a marker. Use one half of a black bean for the nose.
3. Cut two ears about 1" long out of paper and glue them on each side of the walnut shell. Place the rabbit on a piece of construction paper and trace around it. Remove the rabbit and cut out the shell pattern to make the bottom of the rabbit. Turn it over and write your name on it. Then glue it to the bottom of the shell with your name showing on the bottom.

BOX PUPPET RABBIT**Materials:**

- 1 empty box
- 1 sheet of red construction paper
- Paint
- Scrap of black paper
- 1 piece of white construction paper
- 1 piece of pink construction paper
- Masking tape
- Scissors
- Knife
- Markers
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Paintbrush
- Optional: 2 paper reinforcements for the eyes

Instructions:

1. Tape any openings on the box closed. Using masking tape so you can paint on it later.
2. Place the box front-side-down on red construction paper. Trace around the box and cut it out. This will become the inside of the mouth for the puppet.
3. Measure the box to find the middle, and draw a line around the box at the middle. The line should go across the back and two sides.
4. Have an adult use a sharp knife and cut a slit along the line. This will be a starting point for your scissors to cut. Cut along the line across the back and the two sides of the box. Don't cut the front!
5. Paint the box white. You will need to give it two coats of paint.
6. After the paint dries, glue the red construction paper to the uncut side of the box.
7. Make bunny ears out of construction paper, cutting them as one piece, and glue them to the inside of the box so they stick up at the top. Fold them forward a little so they will stand up.
8. Paint eyes on the top of the box (or make eyes with markers or paper reinforcements). Paint a nose and mouth for the rabbit.
9. Cut out two front teeth and glue them so they will hang over the edge of the mouth.
10. Bend the box back. Insert your fingers in to the top half and your thumb in the bottom half. Can your puppet say, "Hi!"

MOUSE MAGNET**Materials:**

Tracing paper
Pen
Scissors
Scraps of gray, black, and white felt
Stiff cardboard
Tacky glue
Black chenille stem
Dental floss
Piece of adhesive magnetic strip

Instructions:

Cut two circles from the gray felt and one circle from the stiff cardboard, 2" wide each. Glue one end of the chenille stem onto one gray felt circle to make the tail. Glue the cardboard circle on top. Then glue the other gray felt circle on top of the cardboard circle. To make the whiskers, take four pieces of dental floss, 4" long, and knot them together in the middle. Cut a small triangle from the black felt for the nose. Put a dab of tacky glue under the center knot of whiskers and stick the whiskers on the face. Glue the nose on top of the knot. To make the eyes, glue white circles on the face. Then add smaller black circles on top of the white ones (you could use wiggly eyes, if you want). Cut two round ears from the black felt. Put a dab of tacky glue under the back edge of each ear and glue the ears in place, pointing forward. Pinch the back edges slightly so that the ears stick upward. Glue the magnetic strip on the back.

BLUEBIRD FOR HAPPINESS

Materials:

Glue
Scissors
Paper clip
Pencil
Thread
Crayons
Blue construction paper

Instructions:

1. Fold the blue construction paper in half. Trace a pattern of a bird on the paper using the folded part of the construction paper as the bird's belly.
2. Carefully cut the bird shape.
3. Open the pattern and draw in the details of the feathers, eyes, and a beak.
4. Turn the bird over and apply glue to the body and head areas. Press together until dry.
5. To curl the wings, place a pencil under the wing and your thumb over the wing. Carefully pull the pencil along the wing. Repeat for the other wing. Be careful not to be too hard.
6. Tie a paper clip to a piece of string. Clip the paper clip to the back of the bird. Move the clip as needed until the bird is balanced.
7. You are ready to hang up your bluebird. The wings will float up and down in the breeze.

PIPE CLEANER MONKEY

Materials:

Bumpy pipe cleaner
Regular pipe cleaner
Pompoms
Hot glue or tacky glue
Wiggly eyes

Instructions:

Step 1:

To make each one, cut a length of bumpy pipe cleaner (make sure your piece has two bumps) and bend it in half to form the monkey's legs. Use hot glue or tacky glue to secure two 1-inch pompoms together, sandwiching the legs and a 9-inch length of regular pipe cleaner (for the arms) between them.

Step 2:

Glue a third pompom in place for a head. Attach wiggly eyes, small pompoms for ears, and a tiny pompom nose. Add glue to one end of a 6-inch length of regular pipe cleaner and stick it to the back of the monkey for a tail.

Step 3:

When the glue has dried, bend the arms and the tail into shape.

CANDY MOOSE

Materials:

2 chocolate wafer cookies
Royal icing
Toothpicks
2 orange circus peanuts, halved
2 caramel squares
3 pretzel pieces
1 brown mini M&M

Instructions:

Step 1:

For the body, glue together the wafer cookies with icing. Poke four toothpick legs into the body and add a circus peanut half for each foot.

Step 2:

With a toothpick, attach the two caramels together as shown, then affix them with icing to the body.

Step 3:

Poke two pretzel pieces into the caramels for antlers. Using icing, glue on an M&M nose and a pretzel tail.

WHALE WATER SCOOP

Materials:

Clean plastic gallon milk jug
Permanent marker
Scissors

Instructions:

Step 1:

Turn the gallon jug onto its side so that the handle is at the top. With the marker, draw a mouth shape on the base of the jug, extending part-way up the sides.

Step 2:

Cut along the lines with scissors, creating a wide-mouthed scoop (a parent's job).

Step 3:

Using the marker, outline the edge of the mouth and add eyes and a blowhole.

FORGET-ME-NOT ELEPHANT

Materials:

Color-Aid paper
Craft knife
Art paper
Scissors
Marker
Small wrapped candy

Instructions:

Step 1:
Draw an elephant silhouette onto a folded sheet of art paper.

Step 2:
Cut out the elephant (being careful not to cut through the fold at the top of its back) and then use a craft knife to cut two small slits on each side of the head (a parent's job).

Step 3:
Cut two little paper hearts from the Color-Aid paper and write a message on one side. Fold the hearts in half lengthwise and slip them through the slits to form the elephant's ears and tusks.

Step 4:
Glue the trunks together at the tip.

Step 5:
For an added surprise, tape a wrapped candy inside the elephant.