



# ELMER



# DAY

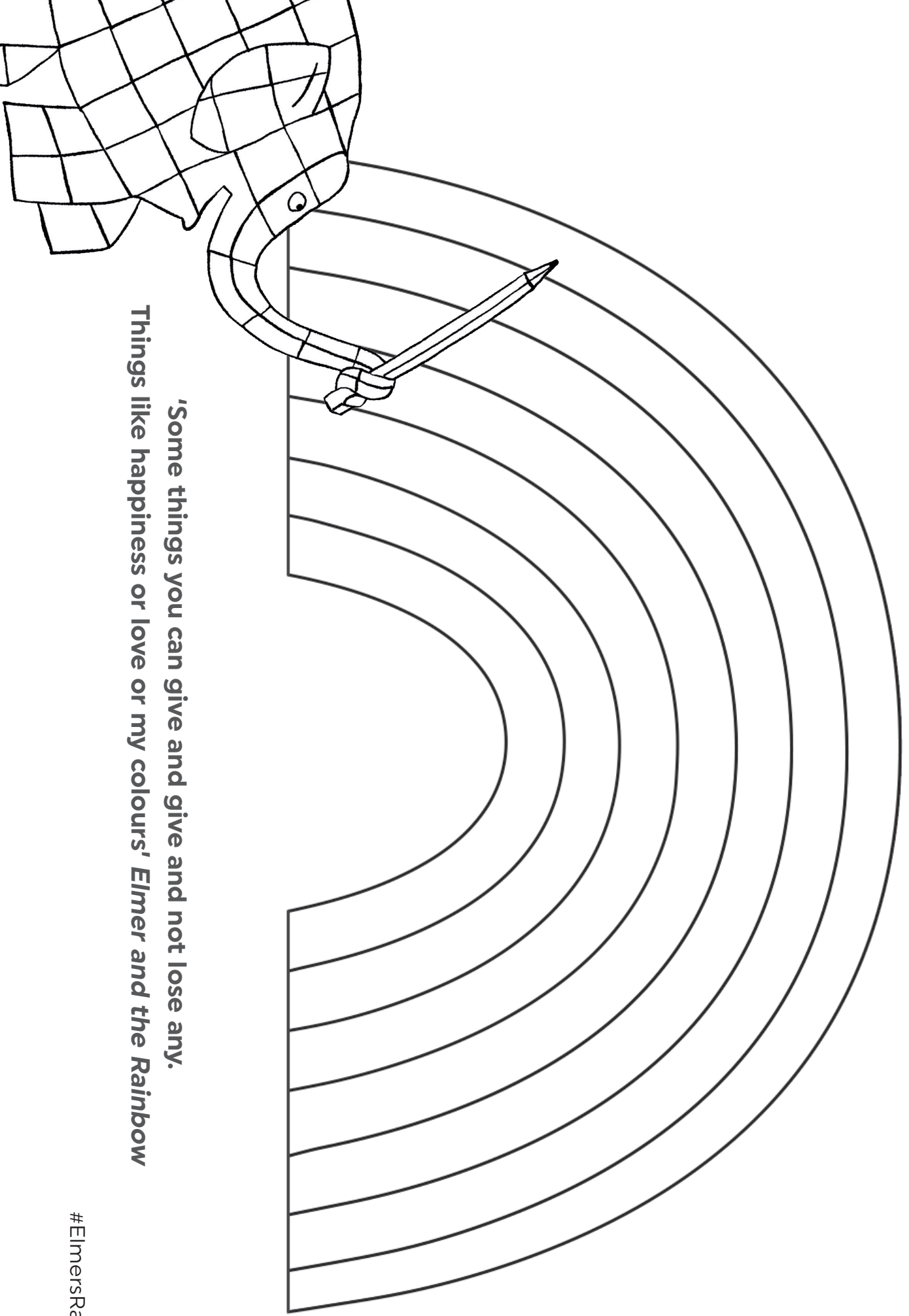
## ACTIVITY PACK 2020



#ElmerDay @elmerthepatchworkelephant



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



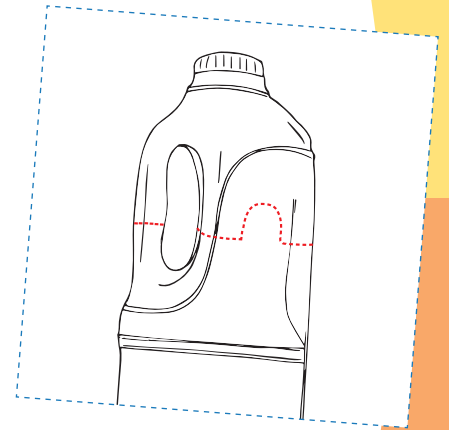
**'Some things you can give and give and not lose any.  
Things like happiness or love or my colours' *Elmer and the Rainbow***

# 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:

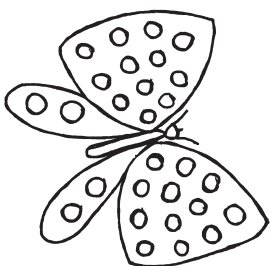
To use paint on your elephant, mix PVA glue with ready mix paint.

### Instructions:

- 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.
- 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](#)

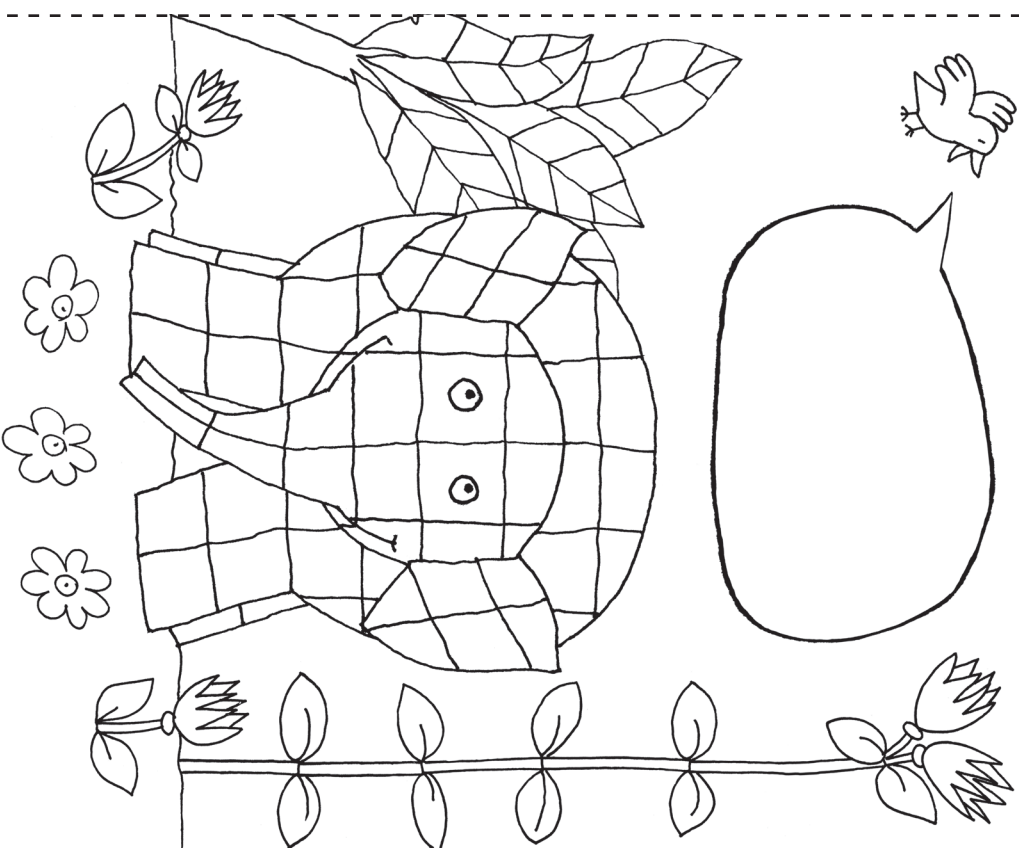
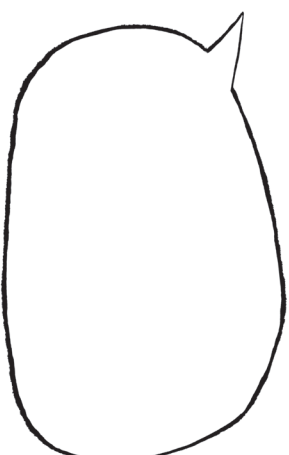


Colour in this card. Then write a message in the speech bubble and inside  
and send it to a friend to make them smile!



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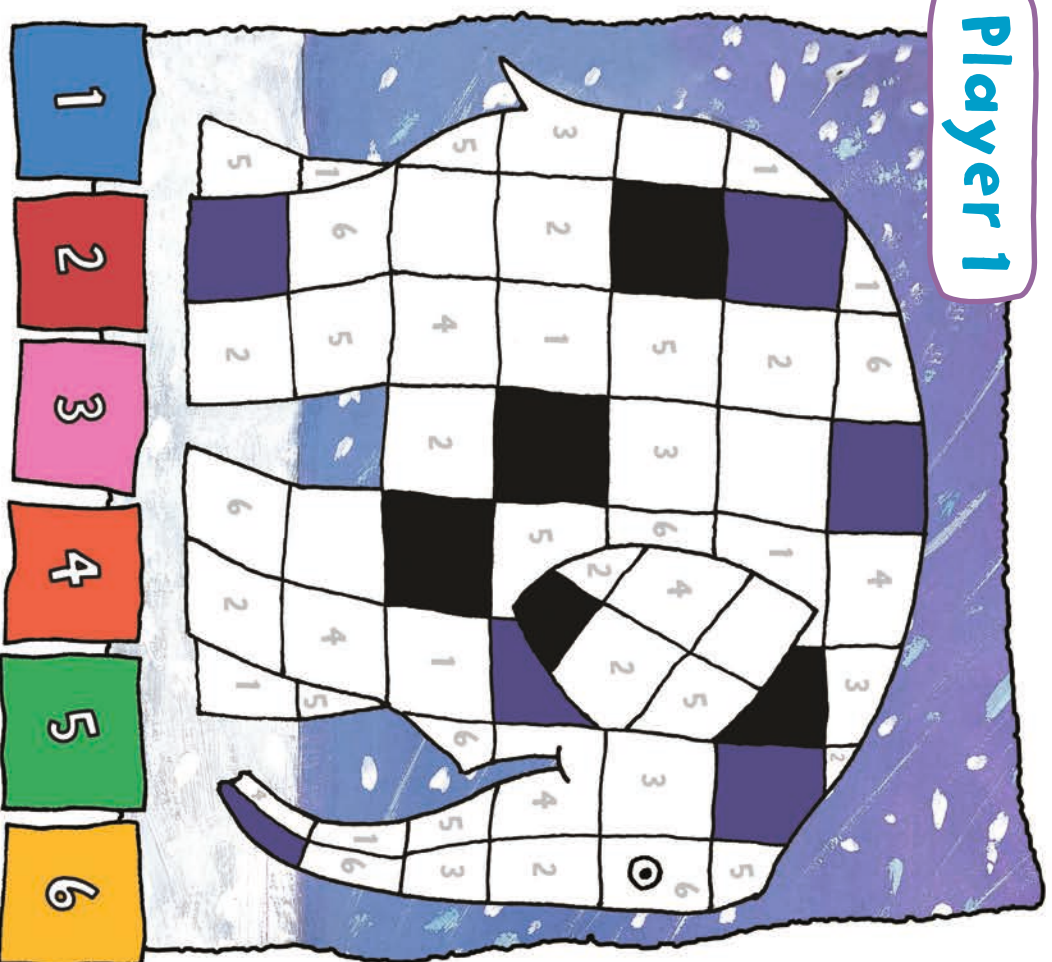
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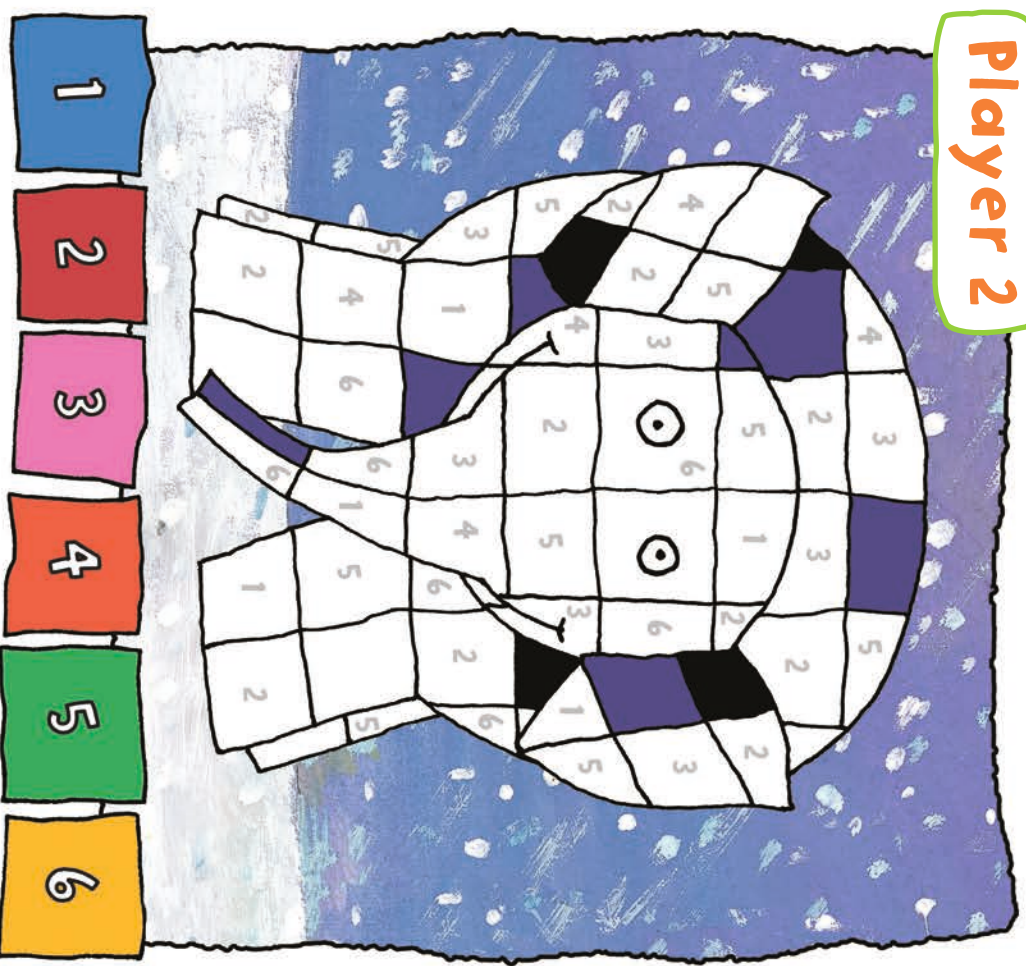
# ELMER'S DICE GAME!

This game is suitable for two players. Each player should choose a picture and take turns to roll the dice. Match the number to the colours below your picture and colour all patches with that number. The first to colour Elmer wins the game!

Player 1

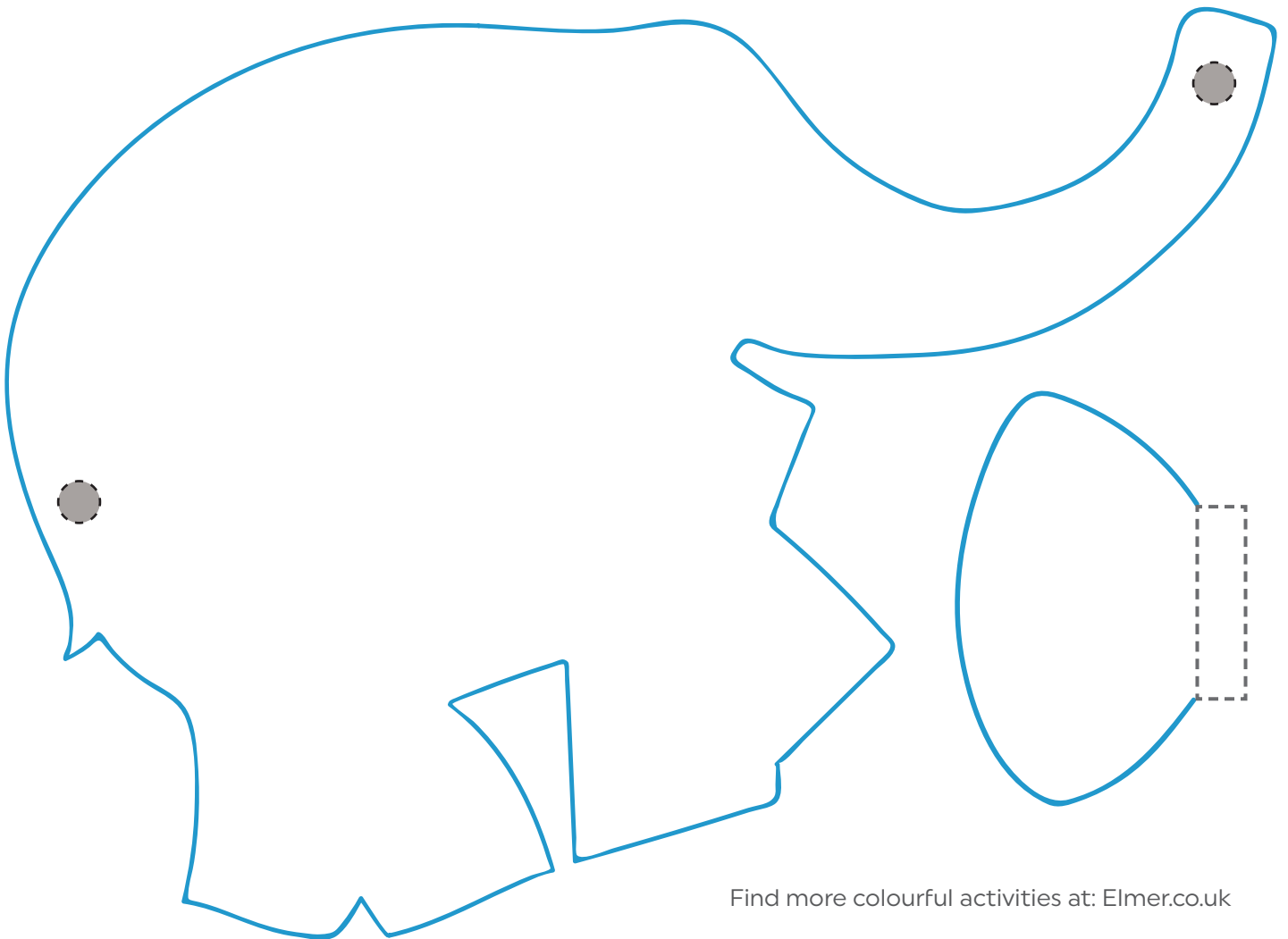
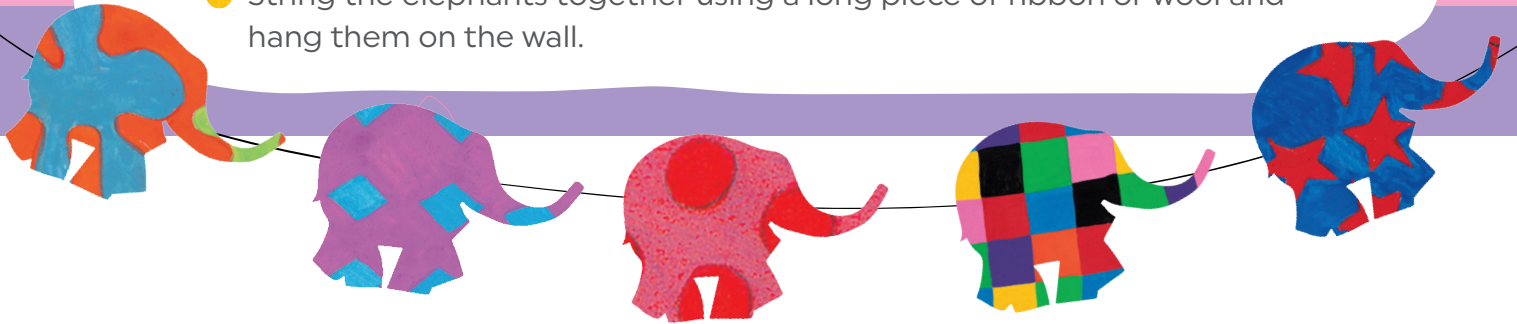


Player 2



# 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

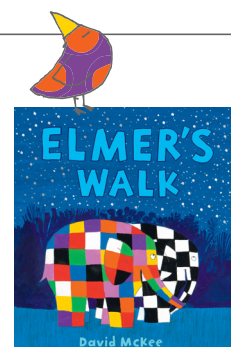
In *Elmer's Walk*, Elmer takes his time to appreciate the world around him while all the other animals are rushing about. Take your own walk around your home or garden and observe all the things around you. What can you see? What can you hear? What can you smell? How do these things make you feel?

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

|               |               |              |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>YELLOW</b> | <b>ORANGE</b> | <b>RED</b>   |
| <b>PINK</b>   | <b>PURPLE</b> | <b>BLUE</b>  |
| <b>GREEN</b>  | <b>BLACK</b>  | <b>WHITE</b> |

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**

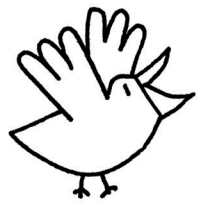
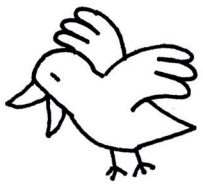
## You will need:

- 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
- Scissors
- Glue

## Instructions:

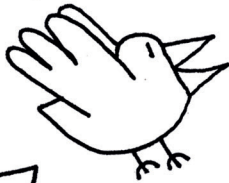
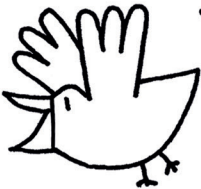
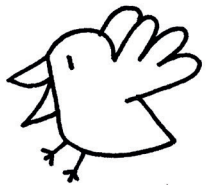
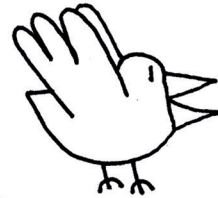
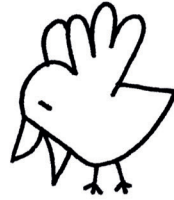
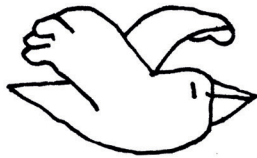
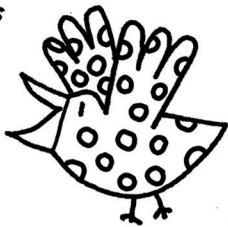
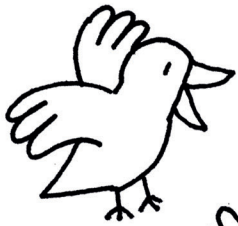
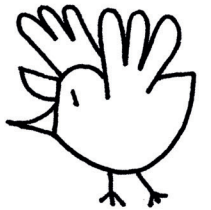
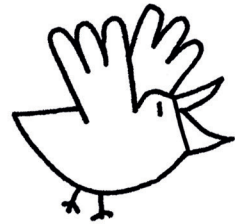
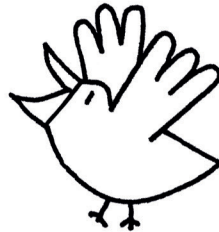
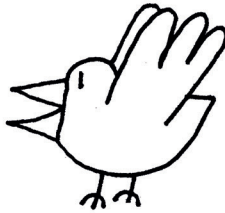
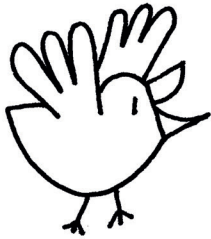
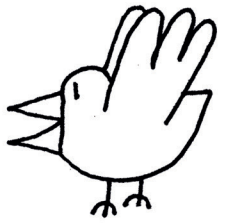
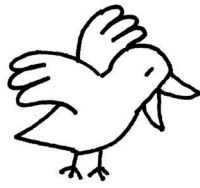
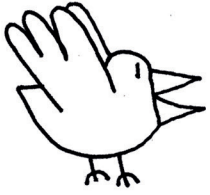
- Paint each of your pieces of paper in a different colour and then leave them to dry. The trees and plants in Elmer's jungle aren't just green and brown, so mix lots of bright colours so that you can create a collage as colourful as Elmer's world.
- When the paint has dried, cut the colourful pieces 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.



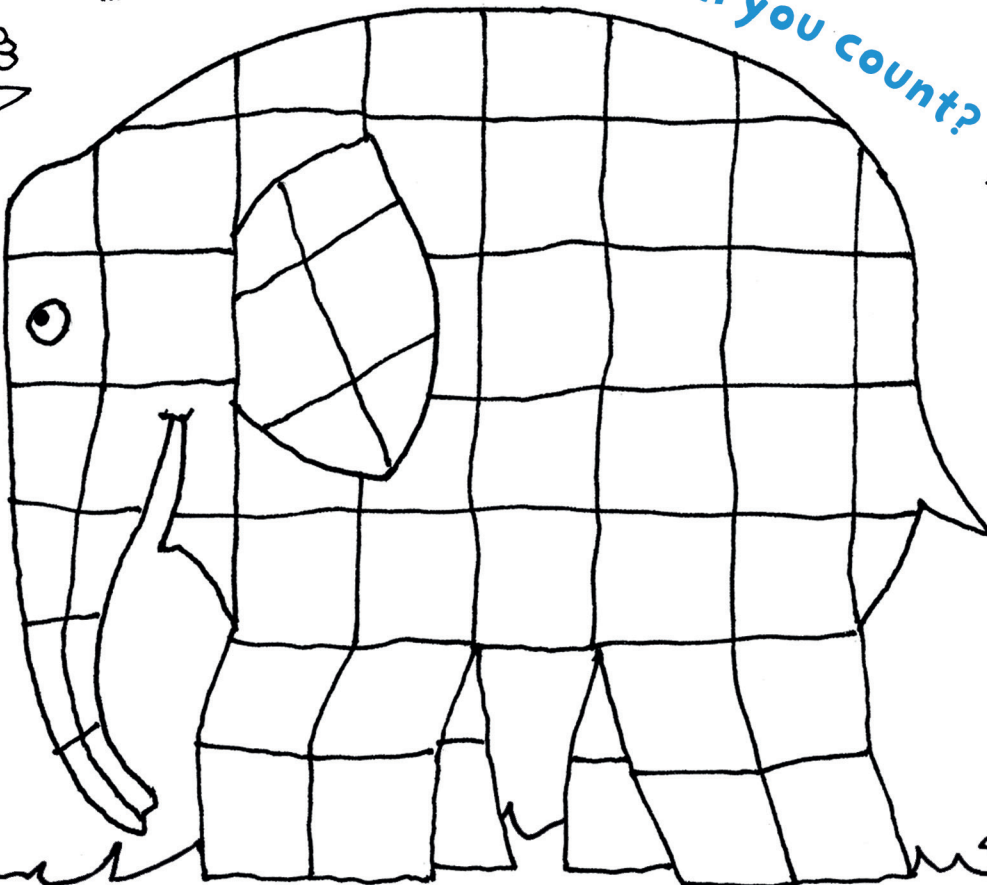
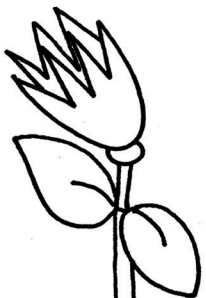


# COLOUR IN THE BIRDS

The birds are off to join Elmer's parade. Can you help them paint their feathers with lots of different colours and patterns?



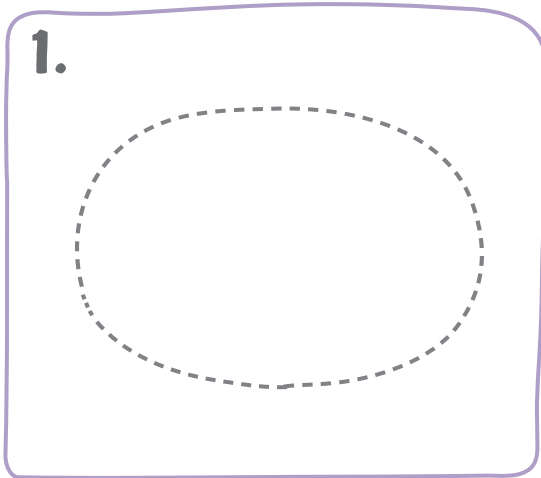
How many birds can you count?



# HOW TO DRAW AN ELEPHANT

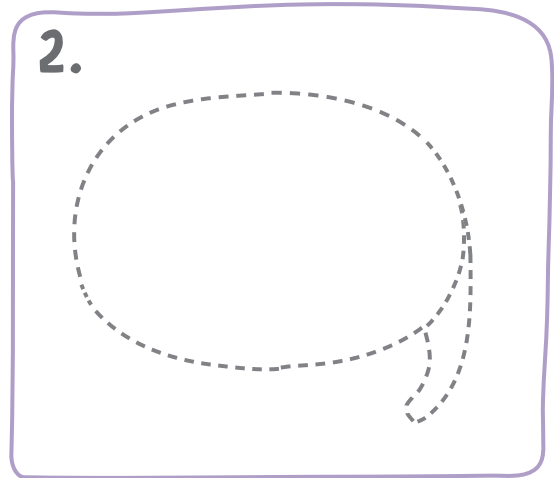
Learn how to draw Elmer and his elephant friends.

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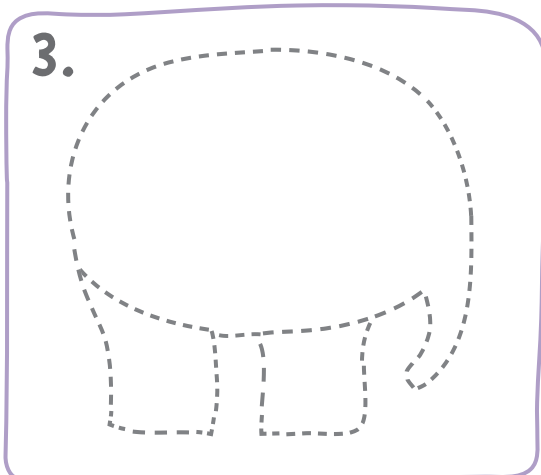
Draw an egg for the body.

2.



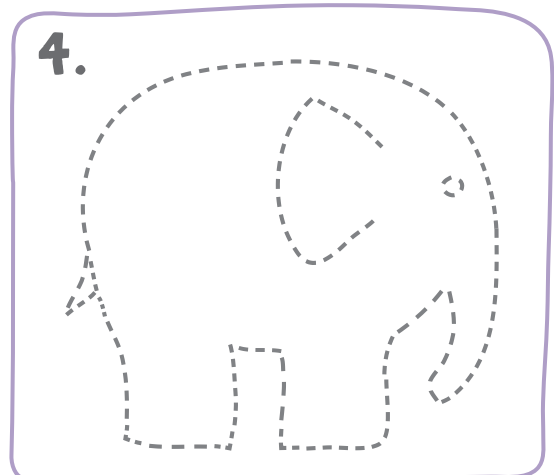
Add a trunk. Make it a little curvy!

3.

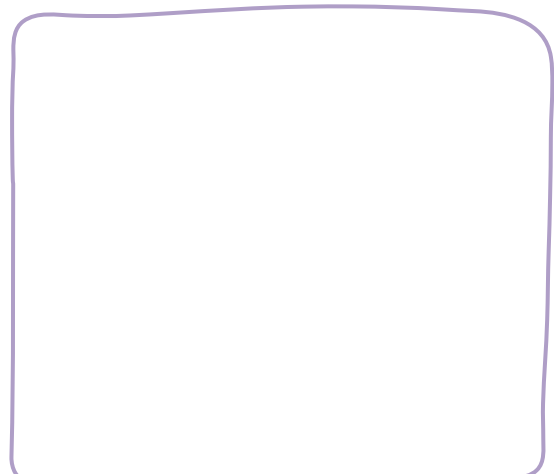


Give him some legs.

4.



Add an ear, a tail and an eye.



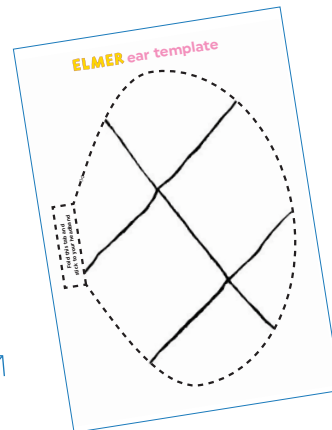
Practise drawing an elephant here.

# 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:

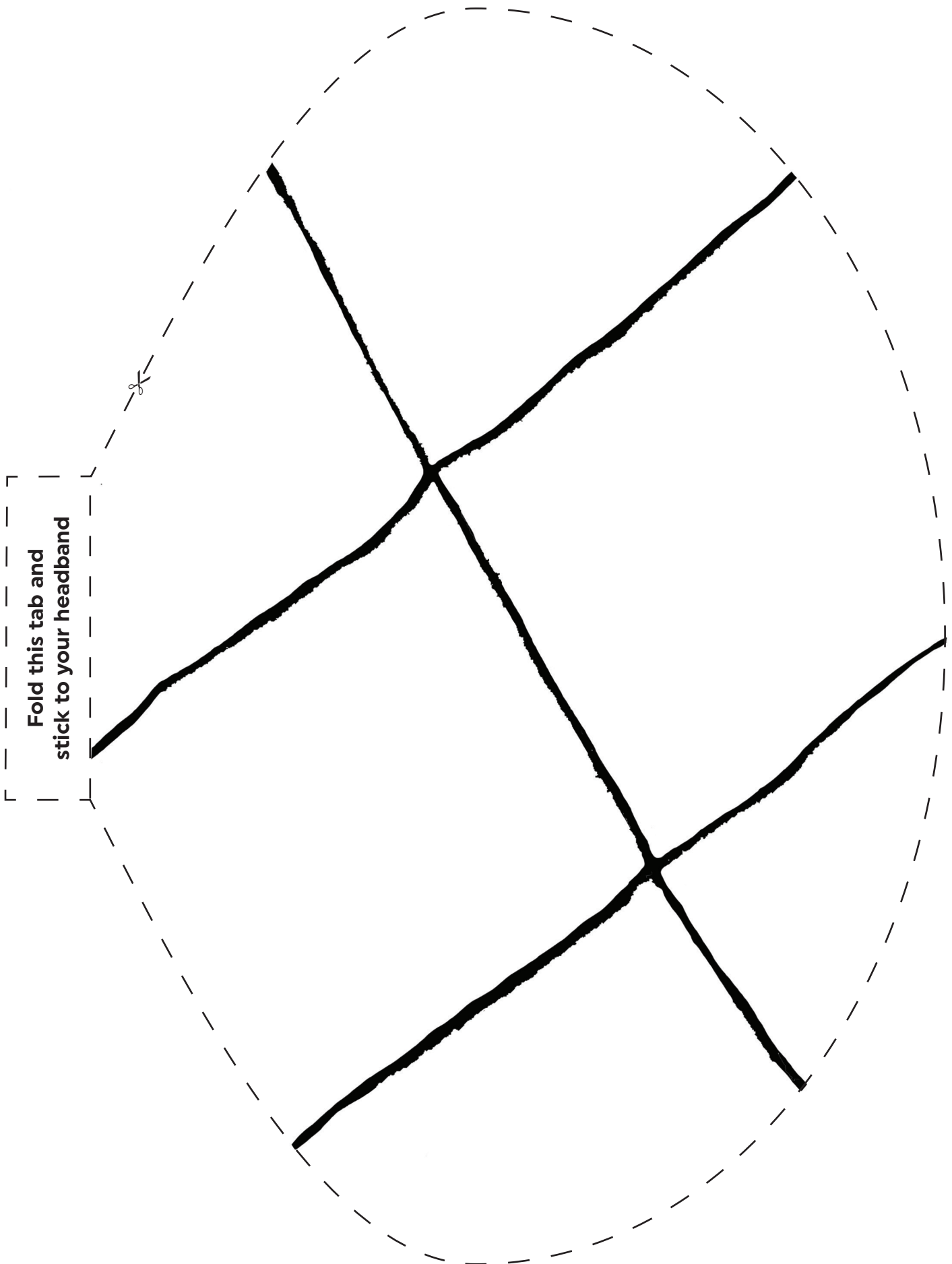
- Cut a strip of card to wrap around your head and sit like a crown. Stick the ends of your headband together.
- Cut out the ear template (enclosed in this pack) and draw around it twice on to card, then cut out the two ears.
- Draw patches onto the ears and colour them in using bright colours.
- Fold 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](#)

### Top Tip:

You could try using coloured tissue paper for the patches!

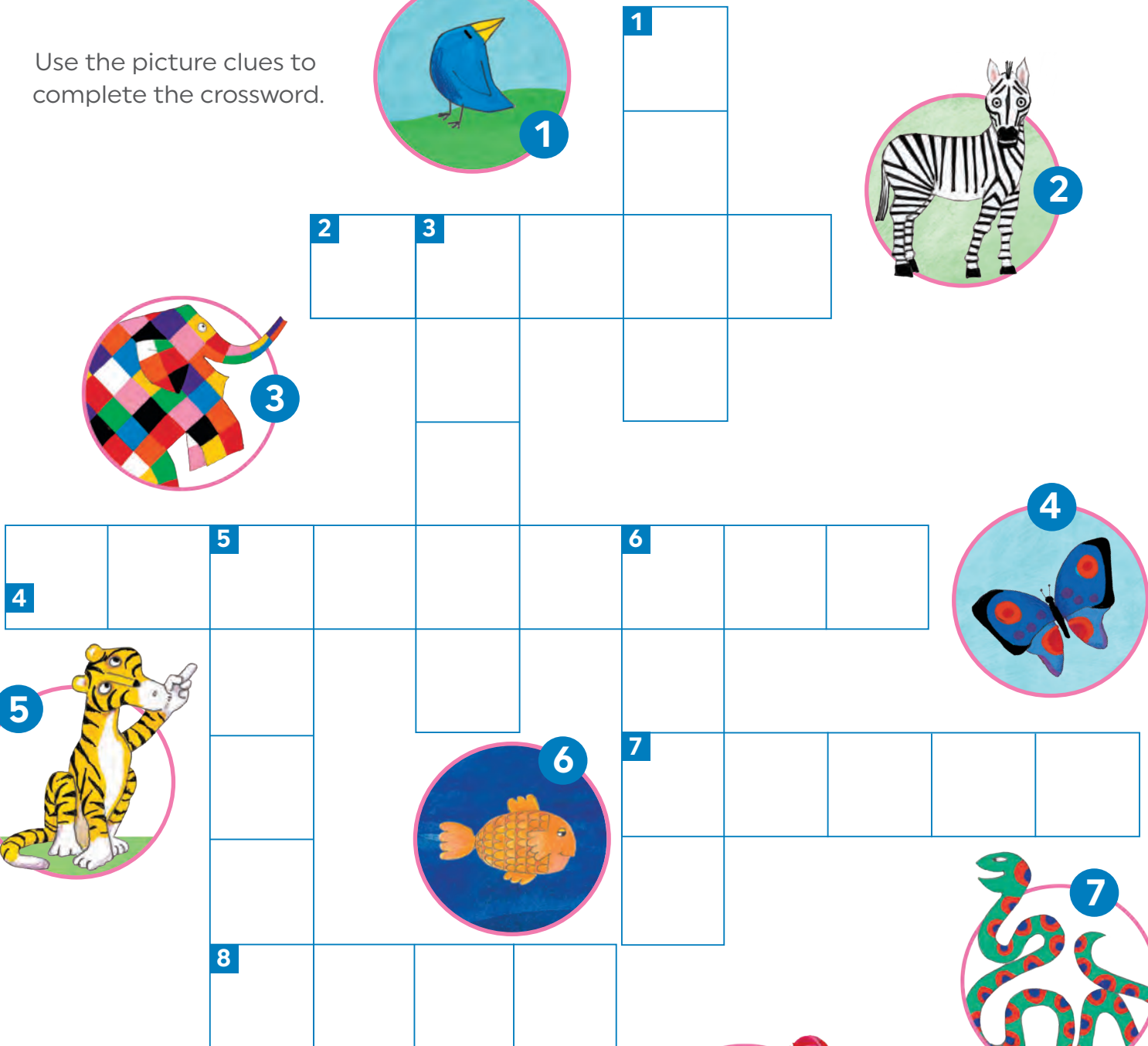
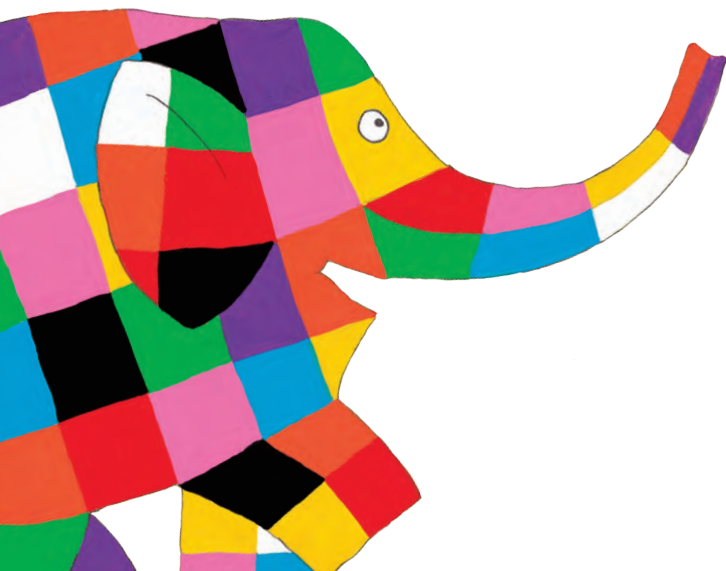
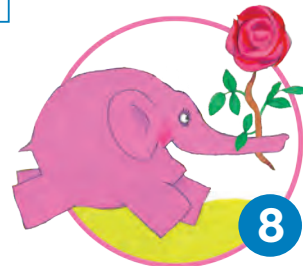
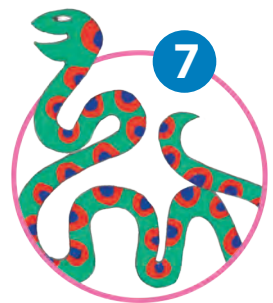


# ELMER ear template



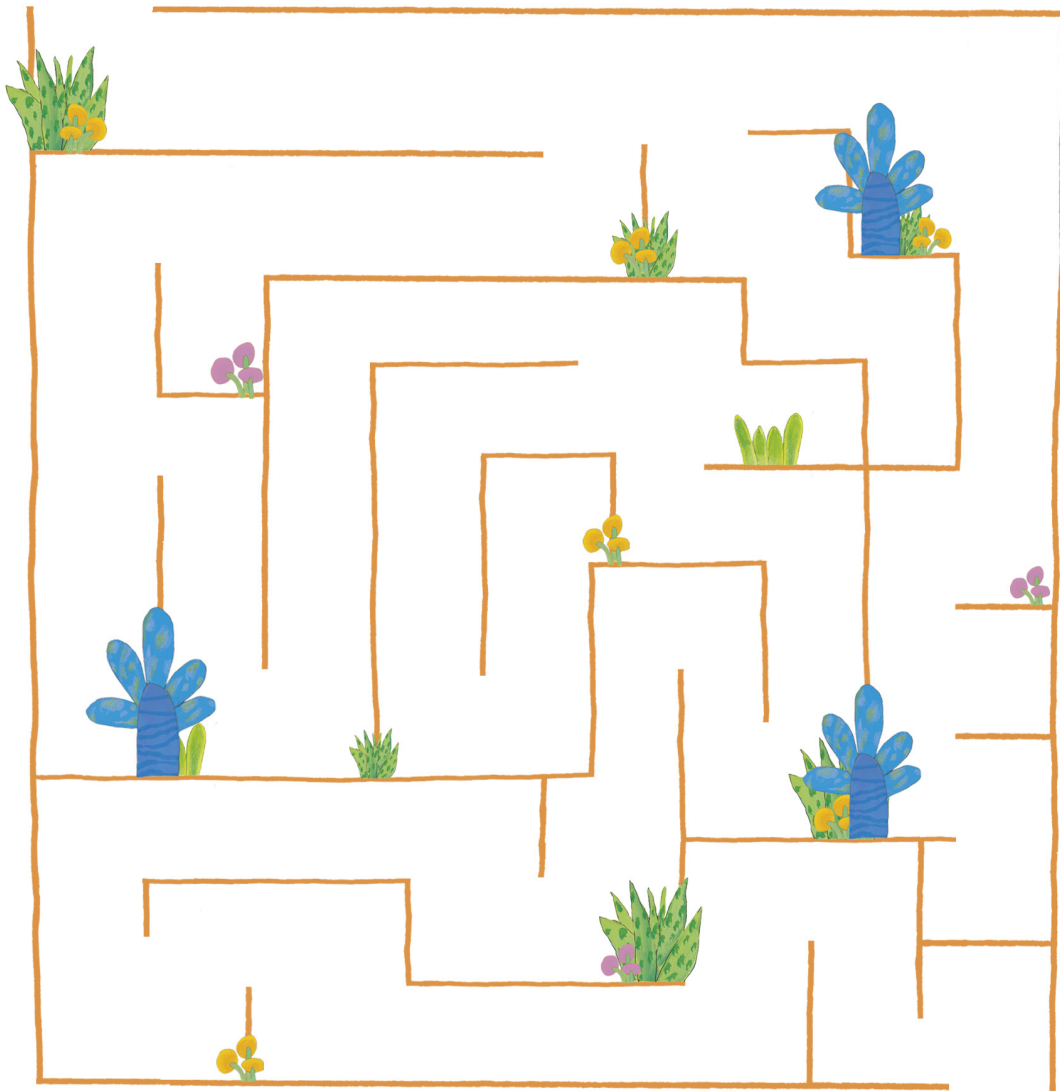
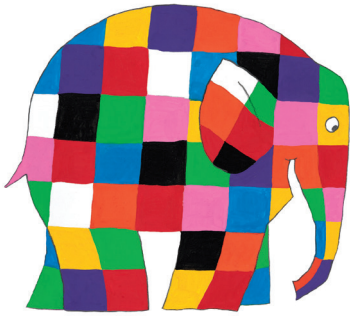
# ELMER CROSSWORD

Use the picture clues to complete the crossword.



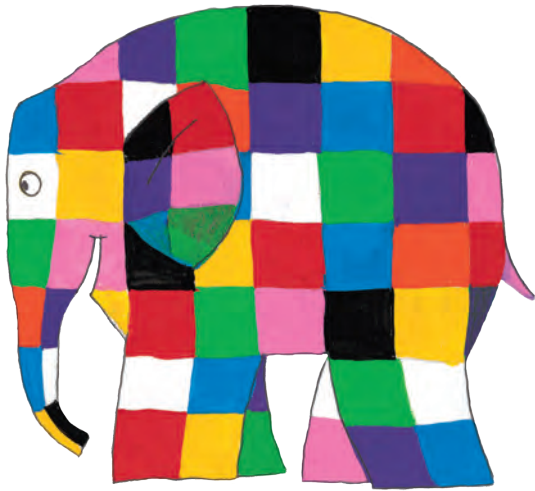
# ELMER'S MAZE

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

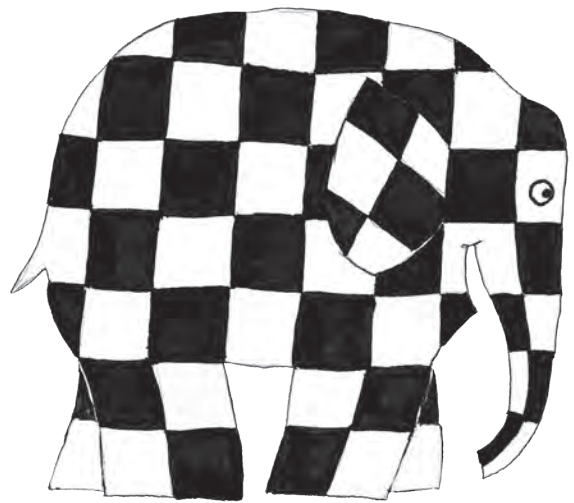


# ELMER'S Hide and Seek Game

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



Elmer



Wilbur



Monkey



Tiger

Lion



Teddy



Can you find  
**ELMER'S** friends?



Elmer

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Wilbur

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Tiger

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Lion

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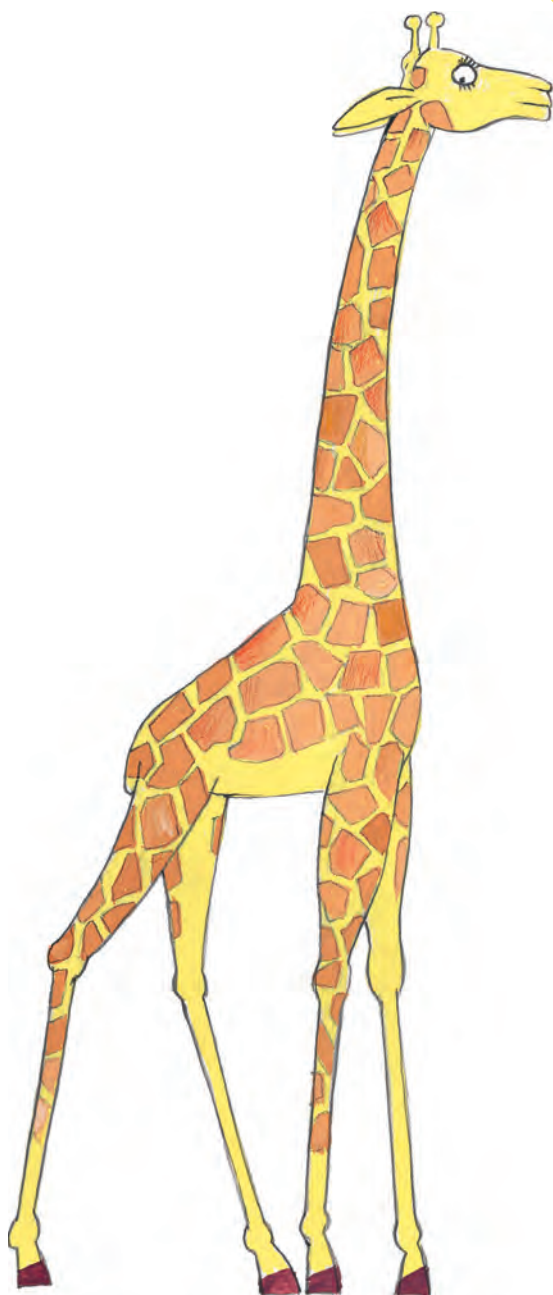
Teddy

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Monkey

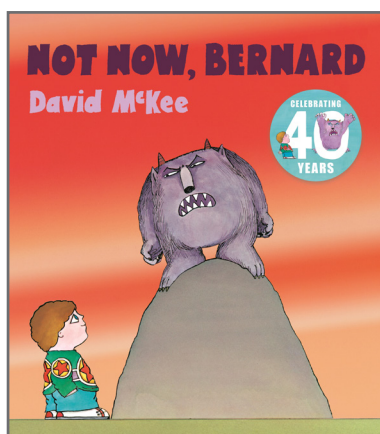
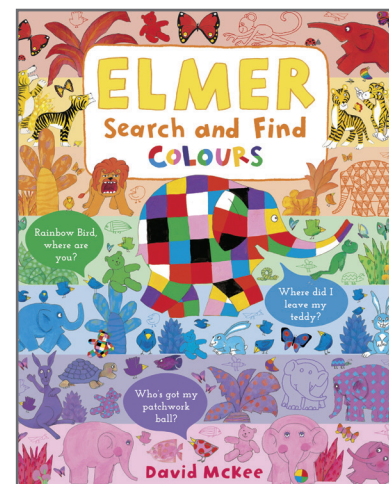
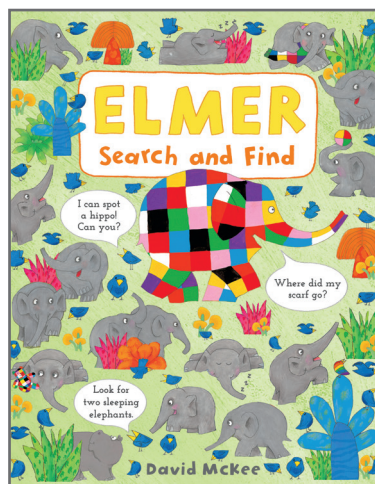
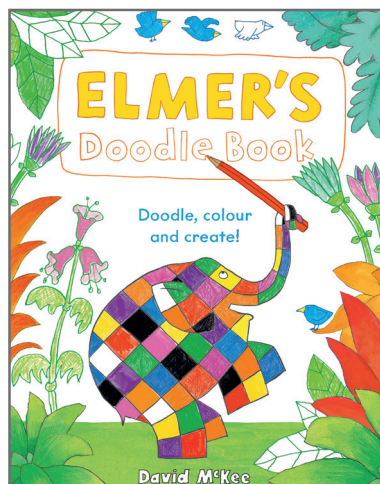
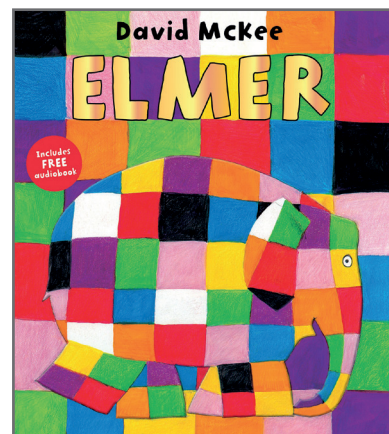
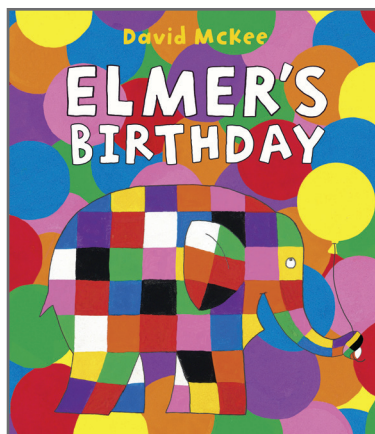
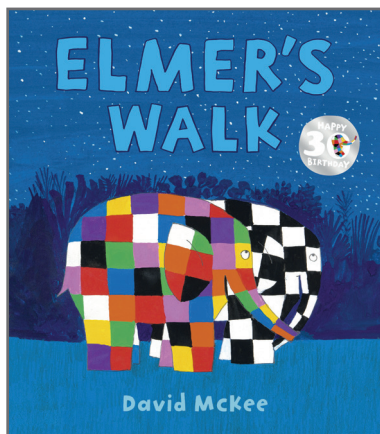
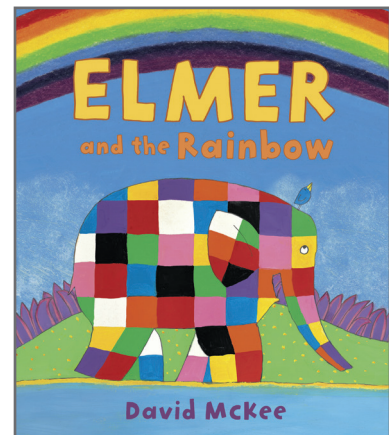
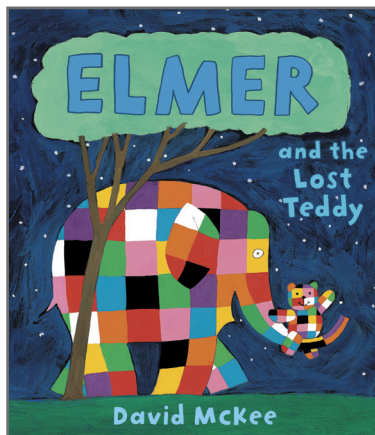
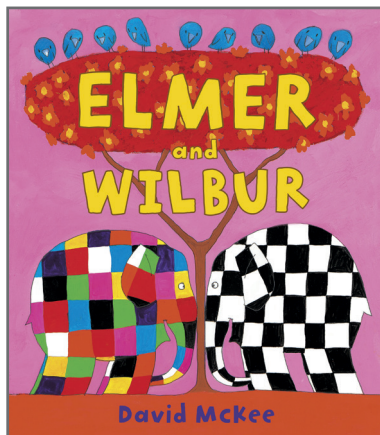
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