

Crafts 'n Snacks

A Monthly Series from Keepsake Curriculum

March

Craft: Elephant Sunset

Snack: Funfetti Cake Batter Dip with Animal Crackers

Story Ideas:

"Elmer" by David McKee

"Ella the Elegant Elephant" by Carmela D'amico

"The Story of Babar: The Little Elephant" by Jean De Brunhoff

"An Elephant and Piggie Biggie!" by Mo Willems

Elephant Sunset

This mama elephant and her baby in front of a sunset is a beautiful craft to make with your children.

All you need is construction paper!



Materials:

9x12 construction paper - black, pink, red, orange, yellow

Elephant template

Pencil

Scissors

Glue stick

Instructions:

1. Print the elephant template; cut and trace the mama and baby onto black construction paper (note: the cutting of the elephants is a little tricky for young cutters). Cut out from black construction paper.



2. Rip a black strip from the horizontal (or long) side of the bottom of a black sheet of construction paper.

3. Choose your background (red, yellow, or orange)

4. Rip different sized strips from the red, orange, yellow, and pink construction paper.



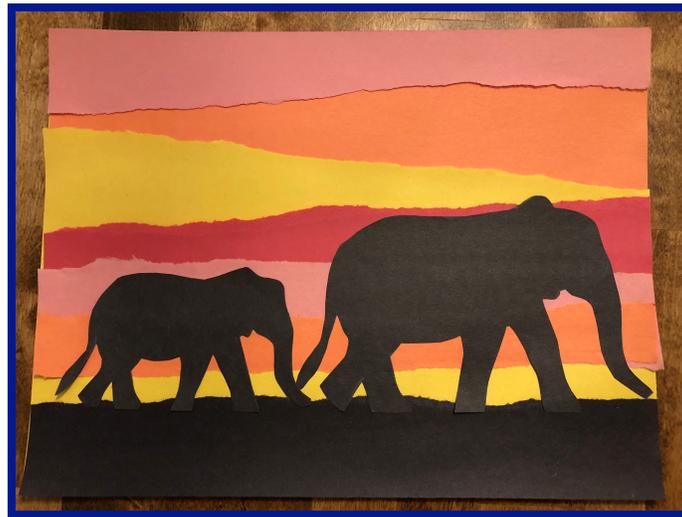
5. Arrange the strips in front of and behind each other, covering your background piece.

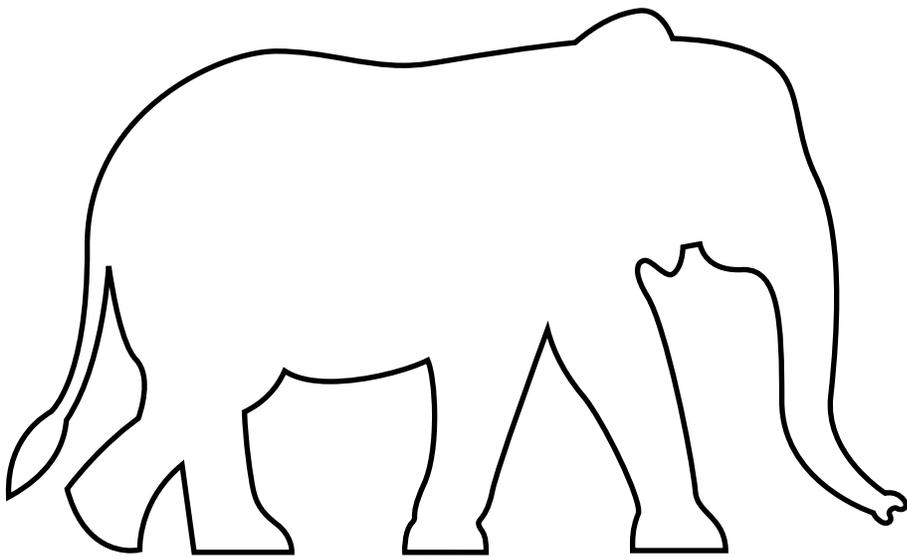
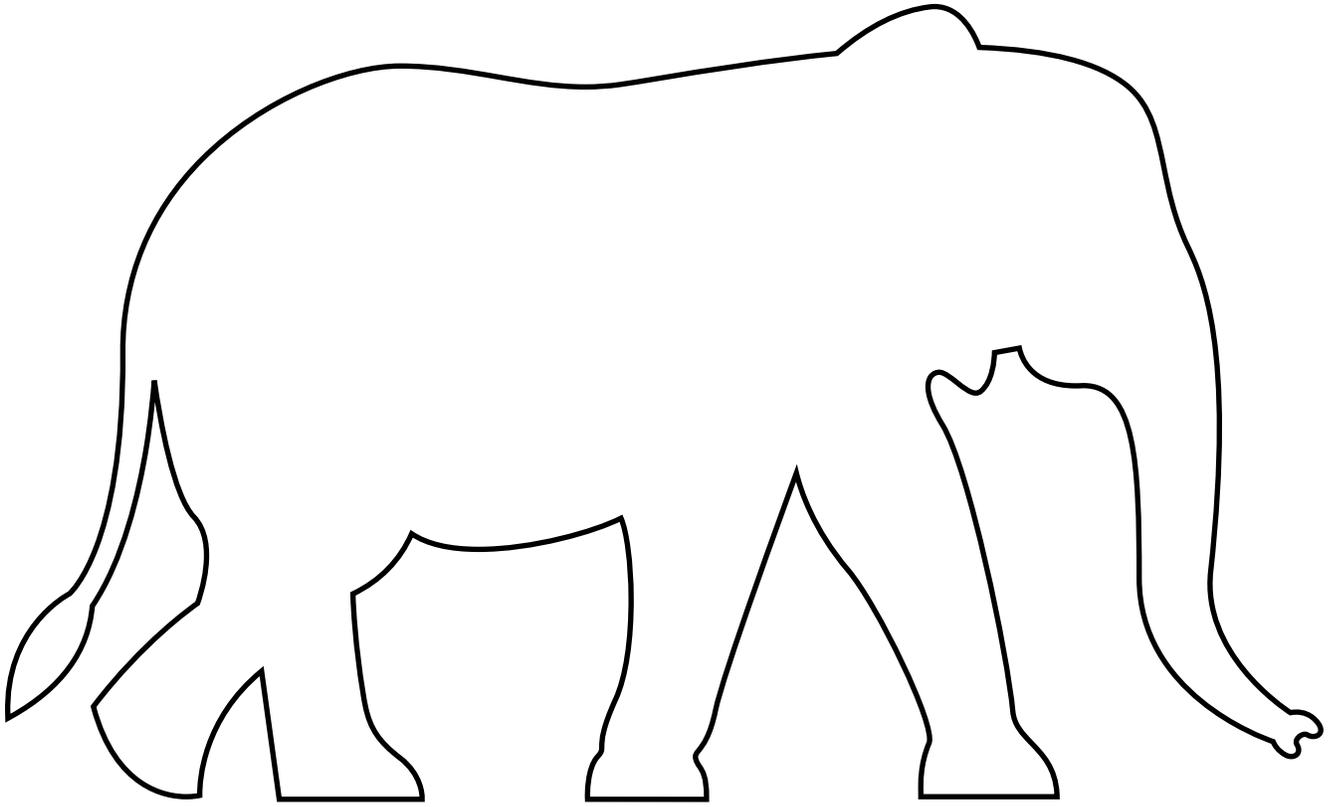


8. When your design is finished, use a glue stick to glue all the parts of the sunset down (glue the black piece of ground down last).

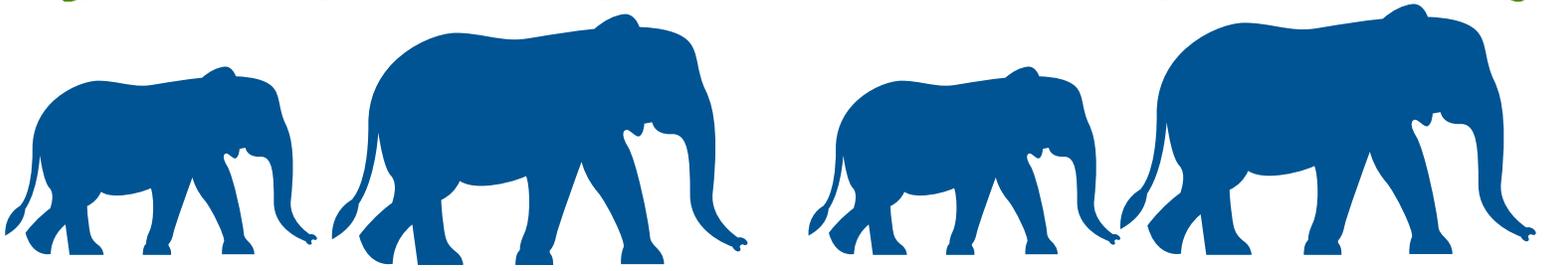
9. Set your elephants where you want them on the page.

10. Use the glue stick to glue the elephants on top of the sunset, and touching the ground.





Funfetti Cake Batter Dip & Animal Crackers



Ingredients:

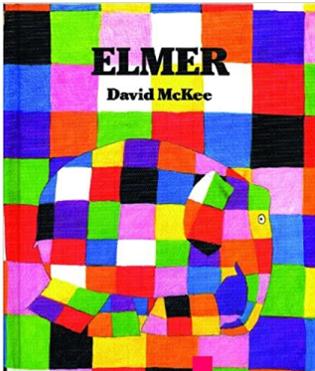
- 1 box funfetti cake mix
- 2 cups Cool Whip
- 2 cups vanilla yogurt
- Sprinkle decorations (optional)
- Animal crackers

Directions:

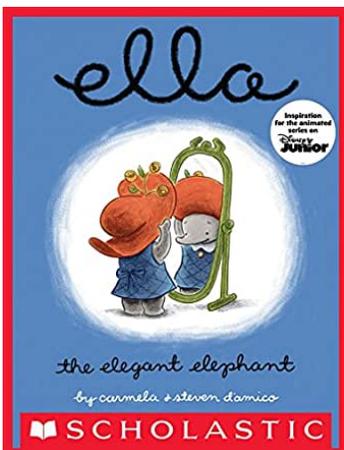
1. In a large bowl, mix cake mix, cool whip, and yogurt until blended and smooth.
2. Chill for at least 2 hours.
3. Transfer to serving bowl and top with additional sprinkles
4. Serve with animal crackers (or vanilla wafers, graham crackers, etc.)

* This recipe was found at sweetandsimpleliving.com

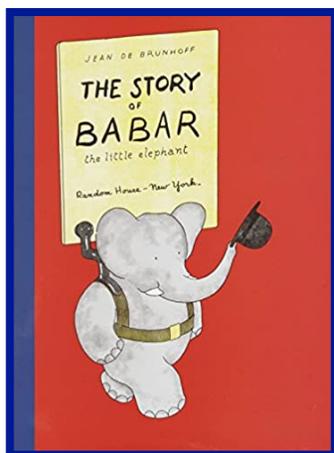
Elephant Read-Alouds for Kids



“Elmer” by David McKee - Elmer the elephant is bright-colored patchwork all over. No wonder the other elephants laugh at him! If he were ordinary elephant color, the others might stop laughing. That would make Elmer feel better, wouldn't it? David McKee's comical fable about everyone's favorite patchwork elephant teaches readers to be themselves and celebrates the power of laughter. (Amazon description)



“Ella the Elegant Elephant” by Carmela D'amico - Ella's counting the days until the first day of school ... but not because she's eager to start! On the contrary, as the littlest elephant on Elephant Island, she's terribly nervous about the other kids she'll meet. Then she receives a beautiful red hat that belonged to her grandmother -- her new lucky charm. Big mean Belinda at school teases her for it, calling her "Ella the Elegant Elephant." But Ella's brave enough to hold on to her hat, and in the end, the hat (and her heart) save the day. (Amazon description)



“The Story of Babar: The Little Elephant” by Jean De Brunhoff - The classic story of literature's most beloved elephant. After his mother is killed by a hunter, Babar avoids capture by escaping to the city, where he is befriended by the kindly Old Lady. Later, with cousins Celeste and Arthur, he returns to the great forest to be crowned King of the Elephants. With the original illustrations from Jean de Brunhoff's 1931 classic, this first Babar story has enchanted generations. (Amazon description)



“An Elephant and Piggie Biggie!” by Mo Willems - Mo Willems, a #1 New York Times bestselling author and illustrator, celebrates ten years of Elephant & Piggie in this special bind-up collection: “Today I Will Fly!”; “Watch Me Throw the Ball!”; “Can I Play Too?”; the award-winning “Let's Go For a Drive!”; and “I Really Like Slop!” (Amazon description)