

Make a Bottle Elmer

You will need

- A milk bottle a selection of different sizes are useful. (Remove labels and wash clean).
- Lots of coloured paper or tissue squares or paint
- PVA Glue.
- Scissors.
- Eyes, optional can be drawn or painted on.
- A grown up to help
- Paper ears.

What you need do

1. Ask a grown up to cut the bottle into the elephant shape. As shown in the photo.
2. Cover the surface of the bottle with the glue.
3. Stick the coloured paper all over your elephant. You can use all your favourite colours.
4. Stick the ears on and cover in paper.
5. Glue, draw or paint the eyes on.
6. Once it is covered in paper brush PVA glue all over it. Leave it to dry.
7. Elmer is ready to play.

To extend

Use different sized bottles to make a variety of sizes large, medium and small.

Make an elephant family.

You could make some of Elmer's grey friends too.

Tip if just want to paint your bottle mix some PVA glue into the paint first.

Learning Opportunities

Explore the concept of size and shape. If you make different sized elephants try putting them in size order. It extends language skills by introducing more size words for big and little ie: biggest, smallest huge or tiny.

The children will able to explore their creativity. Begin to understand how materials can be manipulated and changed.

Play a positional game, where can you put them? Explore with positional language in, on, under and behind, in front.

