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Note to Teachers

Great Gifts That Kids Can Make provides reproducible activity sheets featuring gift and decoration projects that are fun, easy and inexpensive to make. Each activity offers full instructions and diagrams but students should be encouraged to adapt or change any design to suit their own needs.

Materials have simply been referred to as “coloured paper” or “wallpaper”, but use your imagination (and any available scraps of interesting paper or cloth) to add texture and colour to the art work.

Before you begin any project organize the following items:

- Glue
- Pencil and rubber
- Crayons or coloured felt-tipped pens
- Black felt-tipped pens

These materials are used for virtually every project in this book.

This list of basic items are commonly found around the home; you may wish to collect and save them in advance or ask parents to donate items when you begin work on the projects.

- Cereal or laundry detergent boxes
- Fruit or soup cans
- Plastic bottles
- Wool and string
- Pipe cleaners
- Magazines
- Toilet Rolls
- Wrapping paper
- Wall paper
- Coloured paper
- Foil
- Cardboard

This gift book is a treasure trove of gift ideas for birthdays, Christmas, New Year and special days. Parents, teachers and friends will delight in these gifts shared by young children.

Elephant Notepad

Materials

Pattern (page 6)

Coloured Paper:

17 x 24 cm elephant

3 x 9 cm tail

23 x 32 cm cardboard

6 x 8 cm cut-up typing paper
(about 20 pieces)

32 cm wool or string

Small pencil

Two plastic eyes (optional)

Hole punch

Stick-on hole reinforcers

Stapler

Figure A

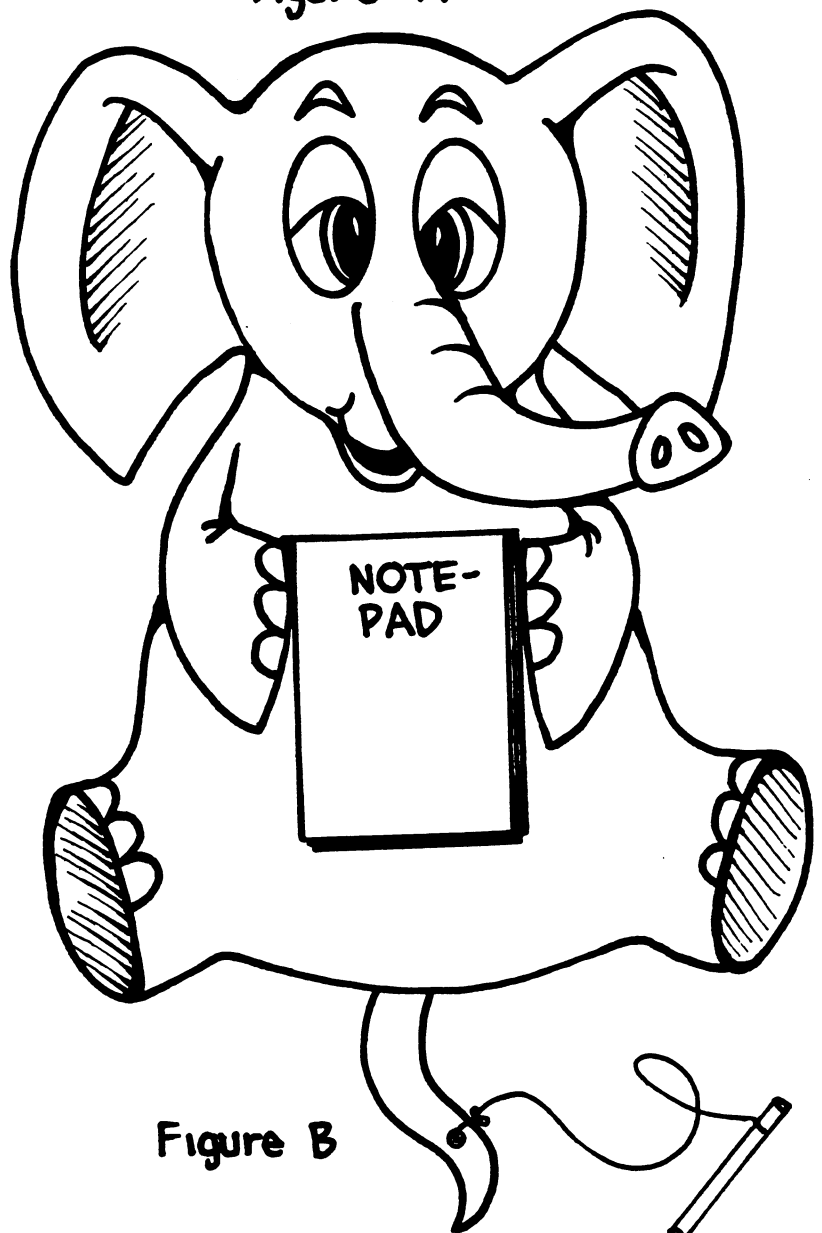
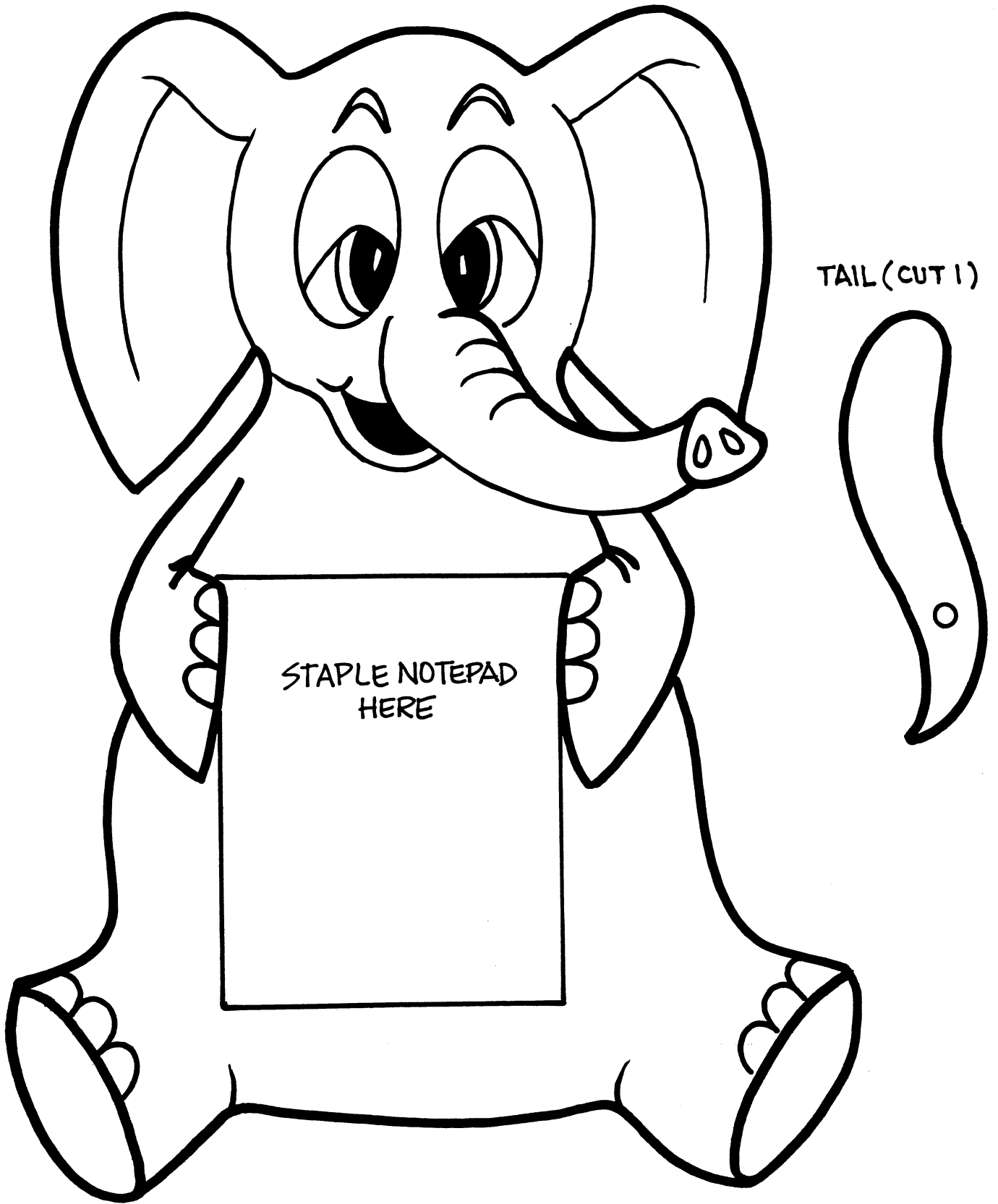


Figure B

Procedure

1. Trace elephant patterns on coloured paper.
2. Glue paper to cardboard and cut along lines.
3. Draw details with a black felt-tipped pen. Colour with crayons or coloured felt-tipped pens (figure A).
4. Glue tail to back of elephant.
5. Punch hole in tail. Place two stick-on reinforcers around the hole. Thread wool or string through the hole and tie a knot. Tie the other end of wool or string around the pencil (figure B).
6. Glue on plastic eyes or draw and colour in eyes.
7. Staple notepad (typing paper) in place.



Reminder Notepad

Materials

Pattern (page 12)

Coloured Paper:

12 x 12 cm hand

5 x 10 cm cuff

10 x 11 cm sleeve

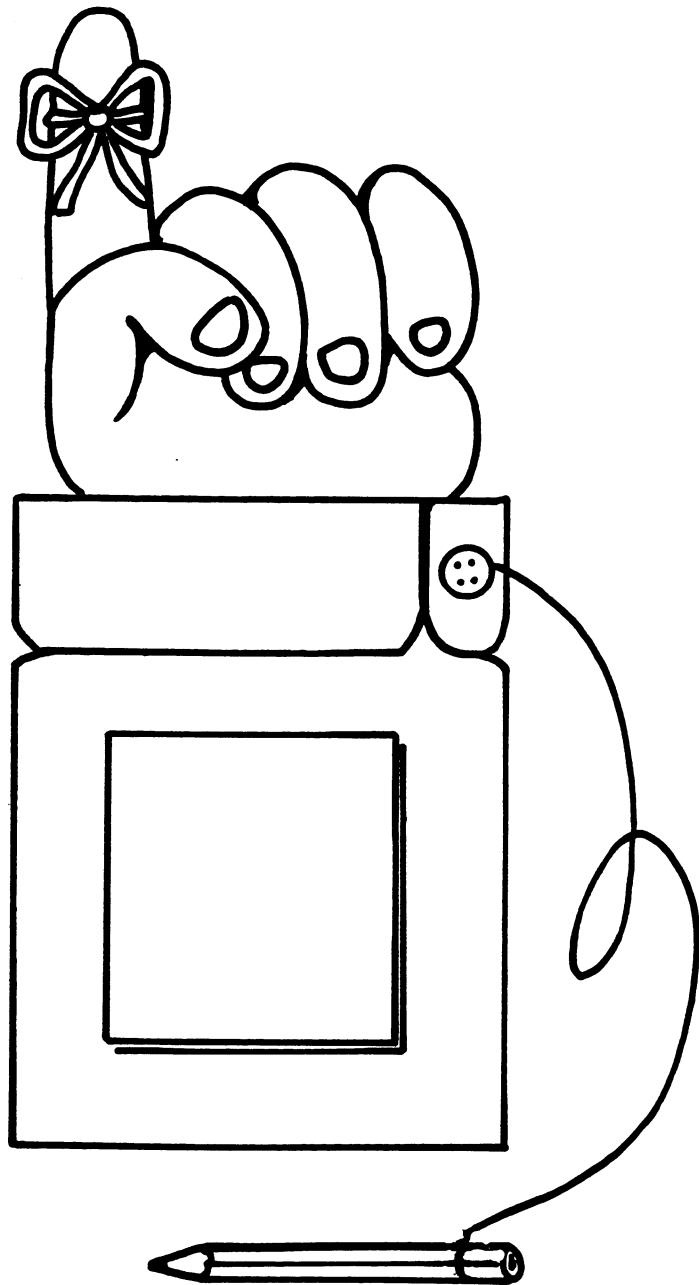
13 x 30 cm cardboard

5 x 5 cm cut-up typing paper (20 pieces)

Two 25-cm lengths of wool or string

Small pencil

Medium-sized button



Procedure

1. Trace entire arm and hand pattern on cardboard and cut out.
2. Trace hand only on coloured paper and cut out.
3. Trace sleeve only on coloured paper and cut out.
4. Trace cuff only on coloured paper and cut out.
5. Glue the paper cut-outs to the cardboard cutout.
6. Draw fingers and fingernails with black felt-tipped pen.
7. Tie wool or string around finger.
8. Staple notepad (typing paper) to sleeve.
9. Tie one end of wool or string to pencil and staple other end to cuff as shown.
10. Glue button to cuff, over spot where wool or string is stapled.

