

STRONG ELEPHANT



Did you know that an elephant's trunk has over 40,000 muscles and can lift up to 700 pounds? That's a lot more muscle than we have! However, the Lord will make us spiritually strong and brave, when we trust that He is always with us (Joshua 1:9).

YOU WILL NEED:

- Plastic Soda Bottle with Rounded Bottom
- 1½" Styrofoam Ball
- 2 White Cable/Zip Ties
- Sculpting Dough*
- 2 Googly Eyes
- Hot Glue Gun
- Craft Knife
- School Glue
- Black Marker
- Scissors
- Brushes
- Sponge
- Paint
- Foil
- Wire



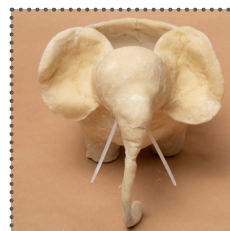
DIRECTIONS:



1. Cut off the bottom part of the plastic bottle, making a bowl about 3" high.



5. Make the sculpting (Papier-mâché) dough* and knead (see template).



9. Glue ears to the elephant with hot glue. Cover glue with dough, smoothing dough between the ears and head. Bend cable ties as tusks into a curved shape, gluing them under the elephant's trunk.



2. Roll four small balls out of foil. Hot glue them to four bumps at the bottom of the bowl.



6. Cover the entire surface of the elephant with small pieces of dough. Add some thickness between the trunk and the head. Cover the edge of the plastic bowl with the dough. Let dry well.



10. Cover the entire surface of the elephant with school glue. Let dry.



3. Stick wire into Styrofoam ball. Bend wire into shape of an elephant's trunk. Hot glue the wire to the ball.



7. Make a small tail with some dough and attach it to the elephant.



11. Paint the elephant with two coats of gray paint. Let dry. Using the sponge, apply a little bit of black paint to give contour. Add any missing details with black marker. Paint the tusks white if necessary.



4. Using a drop of hot glue, glue ball and wire to the bowl. Apply school glue to the entire surface of the bowl, ball, and wire.



8. Make two mounds of foil. With some dough make two ears for the elephant and lay them over the foil to dry. When dry, remove foil.



12. Glue on the eyes. Your strong elephant is ready to hold a small load for you. Let's always remember that Jesus is our strength.

SCULPTING DOUGH RECIPE (PAPIER-MÂCHÉ)

YOU WILL NEED:

- 1 Cup School Glue
- Soft Toilet Paper
- 1 Tablespoon Liquid Soap
- 2 Tablespoons Vegetable Oil
- ¼ Cup Cornstarch
- ½ Cup Flour
- Measuring Cups
- Measuring Spoons
- Disposable Gloves
- Plastic Bag
- Bowl



DIRECTIONS:



1. Make a stack of about 50-60 squares of soft toilet paper.



2. Pour school glue into the bowl. Gradually mix in a piece of toilet paper with a gloved hand. Continue adding paper until the mixture begins to lose its stickiness.



3. Add vegetable oil and liquid soap to the dough. Stir well again.



4. Add half of the flour and cornstarch. Stir well. If the dough is thin, add more flour and cornstarch. You should end up with a dough that does not stick to your hands.



5. Keep the dough moist by keeping it in a plastic bag. Store leftover dough in the refrigerator.

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