

Rain Stick

Materials

mailing tubes (I cut them in half)

yarn

aluminum foil

beans or rice

double sided tape

tacky glue

For older kids:

Wrap a mailing tube in double sided tape

Use different color yarns & wrap around tube

Take a 12" piece of aluminum foil & crumble it up length wise.

Wrap the foil around the tube to make it spiral. Fit it into the tube & tape both ends to the inside.

Put cap onto one end of tube

Put in beans or rice (beans have a better sound)

Glue cardboard on the other end. You can embellish with feathers & beads.

(To make it a little more interesting for older kids you can hammer in nails thruout the tube.)

For younger kids:

Use empty paper towel tubes. Cover it with construction paper.

Take a piece of contact paper, sprinkle it with confetti, tissue paper, glitter, sequins...whatever is available & wrap around tube. Follow directions as above with foil, beans/rice & cardboard ends.

Pig Shaker

Two Paper Plates (Optional- Have Kids Color or Pre-Spray Paint Pink)

Ears

Eyes

Nose

Feet

Pink pipe cleaner tail

Rice or something similar for shaking

Stapler

Glue

1. Attach ears, eyes, nose, feet* and tail* to one plate
2. Staple the 2 plates together leaving a small section open
3. Pour rice into plate and staple shut

*TIP- When attaching feet and tail staple them between the plate.

Elephant Shaker

Two Paper Plates (Optional- Have Kids Color or Pre-Spray Paint Pink)

Ears

Eyes

Trunk

Feet

Rice or something similar for shaking

Stapler

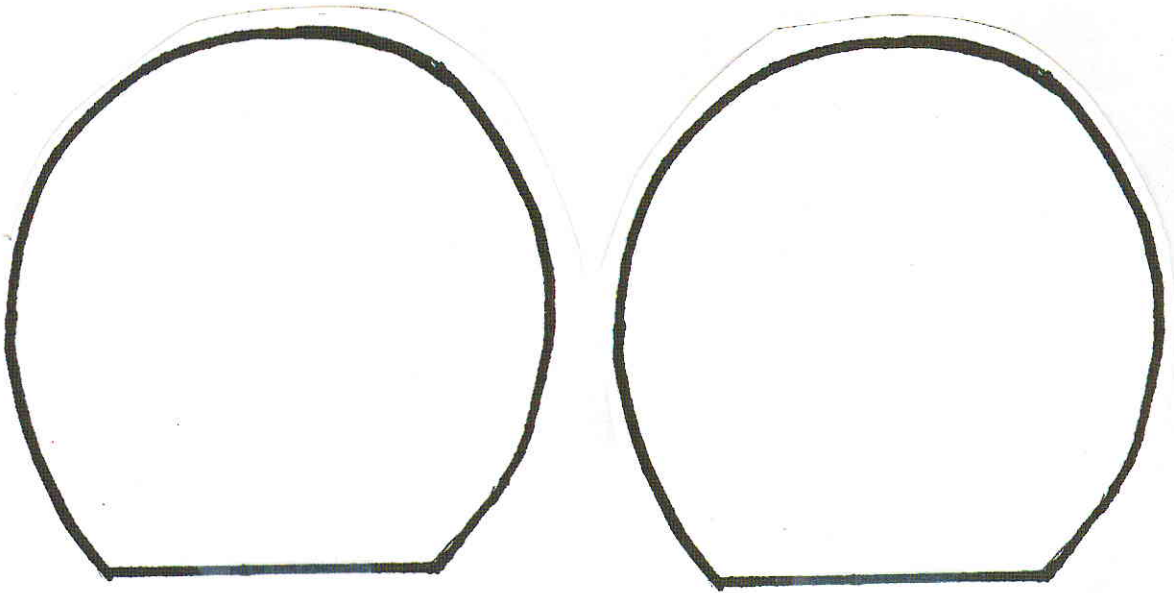
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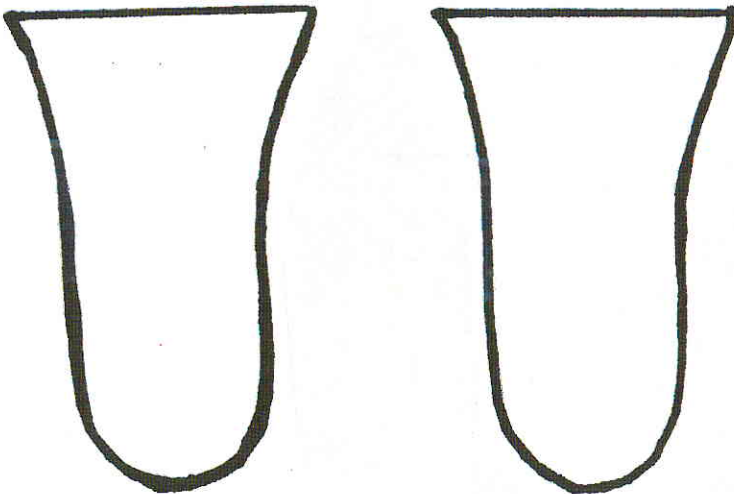
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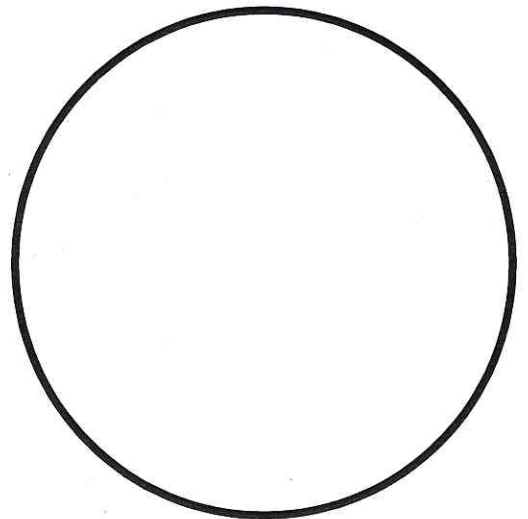
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Feet

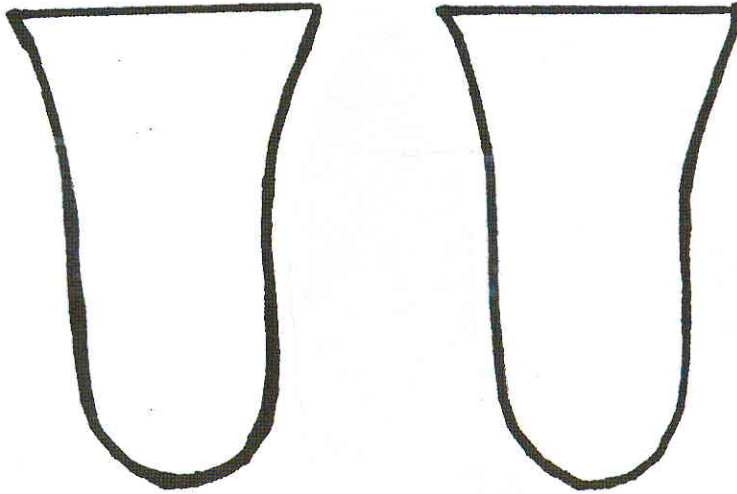


Nose

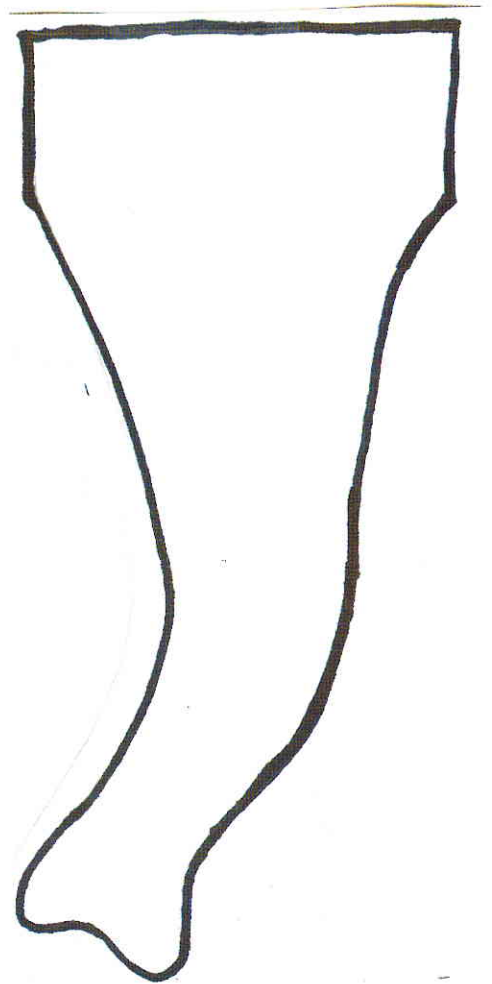


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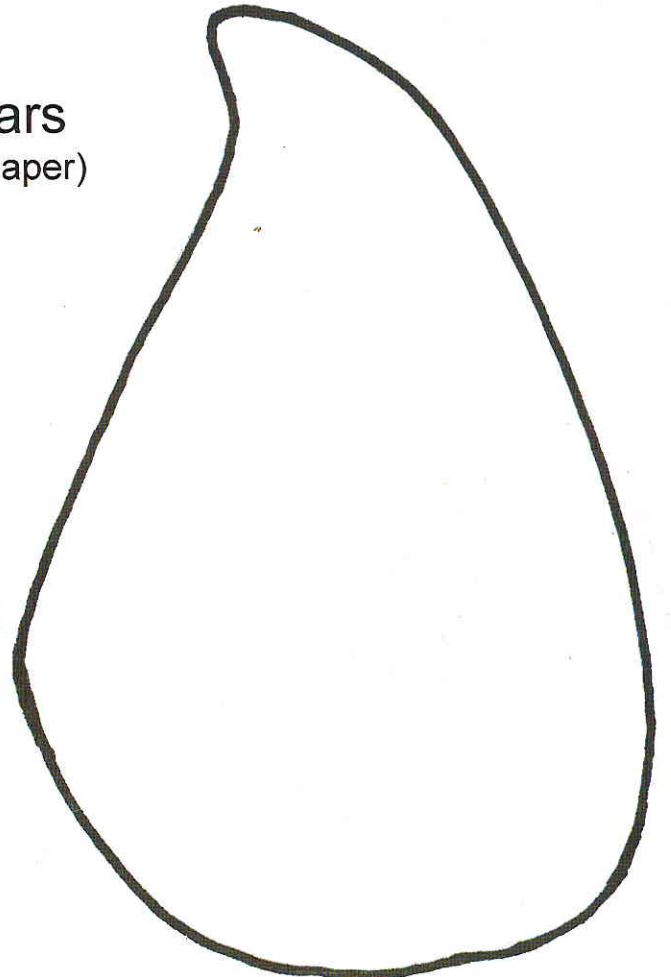
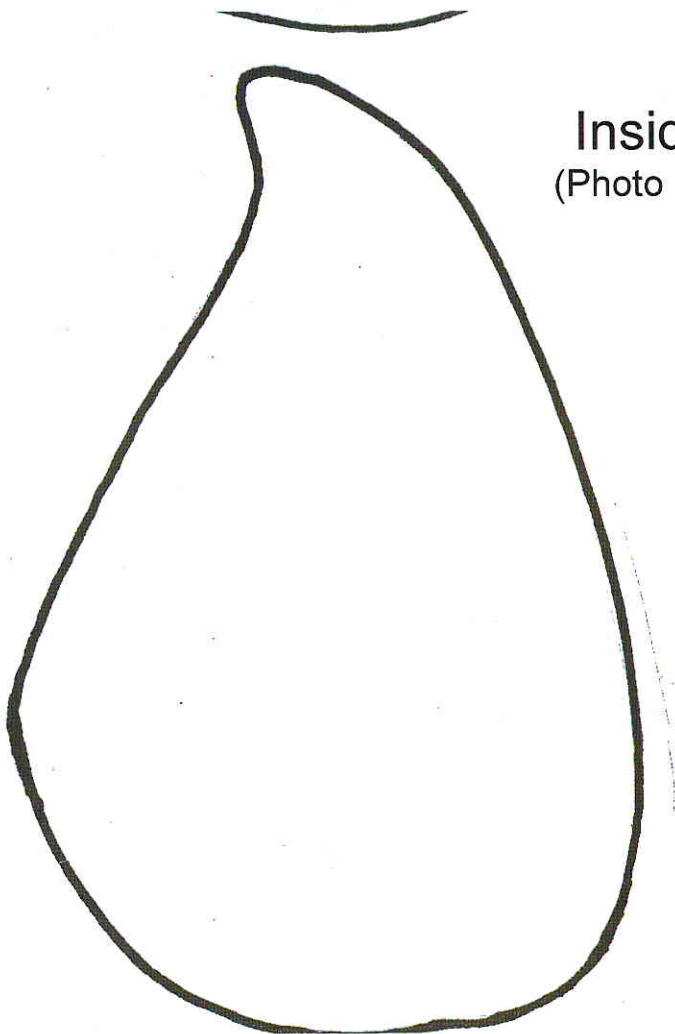
Legs



Trunk

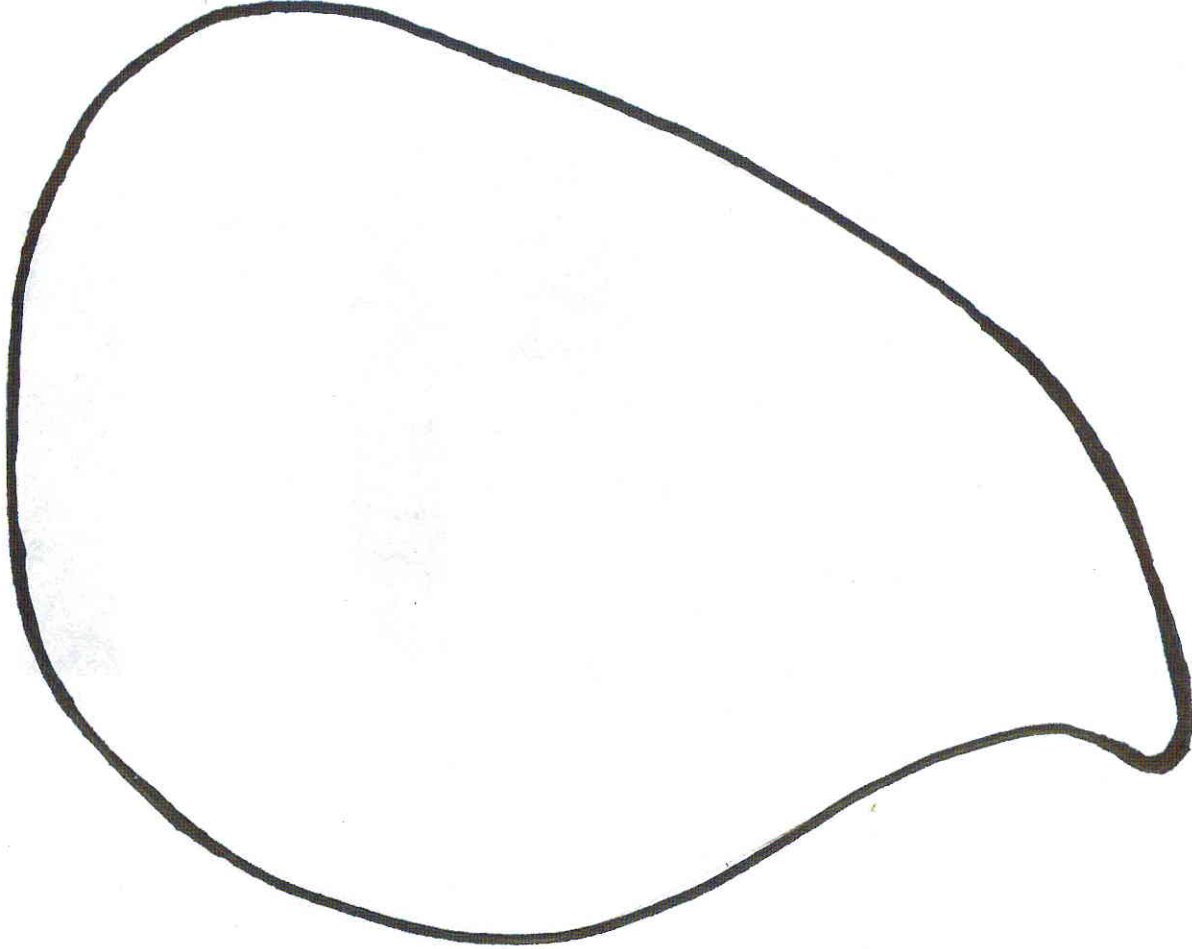


Inside of Ears
(Photo on Pink Paper)

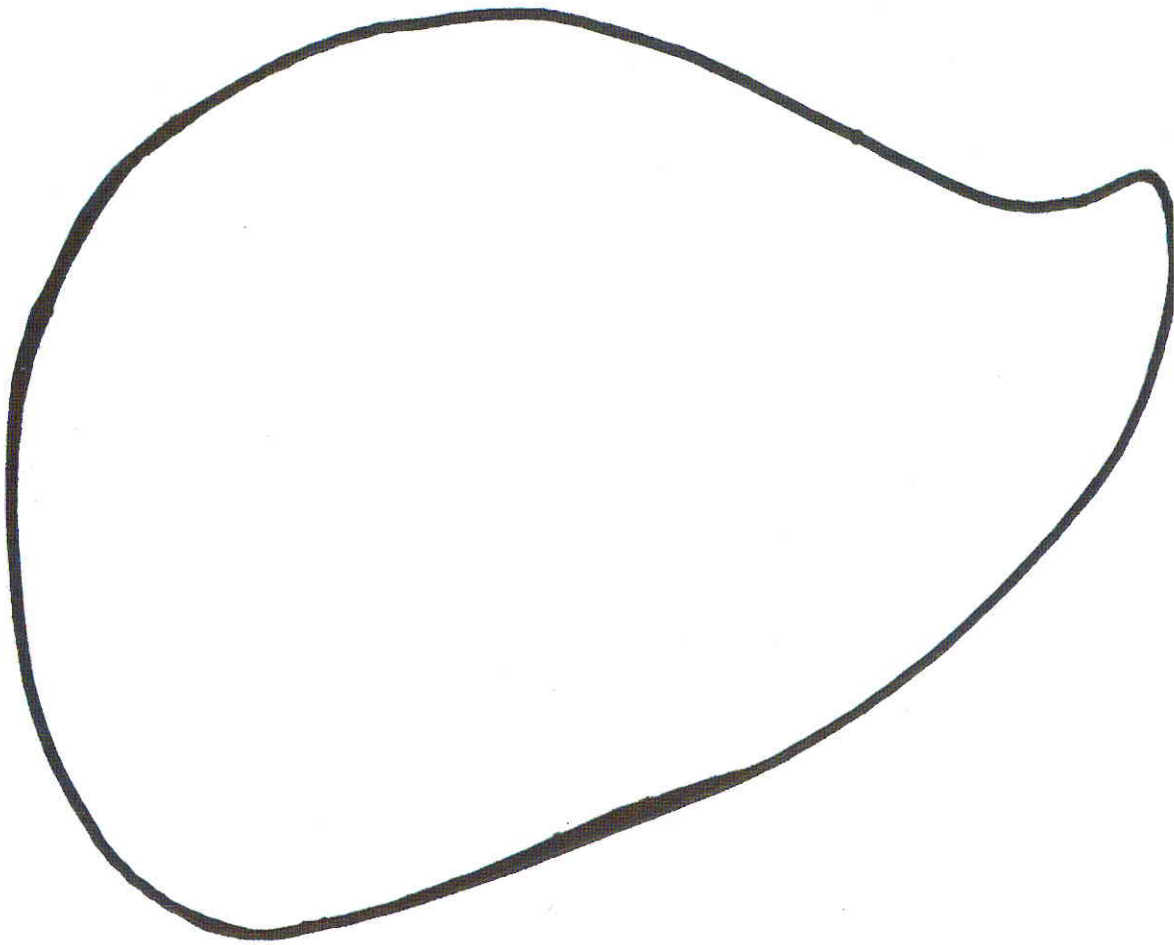


Elephant Shaker

Left Ear



Right Ear



African Shaker Drum

Materials needed:

1 ½ gallon milk carton (plastic)

Dried beans

Wooden beads

String

Sharpie Markers (Optional)

Spray Paint (Optional)



Step 1: Remove all stickers and clean out inside.



Step 2: Spray paint jug or decorate with Sharpies

Step 3: Loop string around the jug several times and cut to desired length.

Step 4: Begin to bead string.

Step 5: Tie string around the handle to secure and begin to loop around the jug- move beads



as necessary.

Step 6: Pour a handful of dried beans into the milk jug & seal top.

Beat bottom of jug as a drum and shake with handle.

Paper Bag Scrapbooks

Materials Needed:

2 paper lunch bags
hole punch
paper – various colors, patterns, weights
glue stick
scissors
ribbon
decorative punches, stickers, etc.

- 1 Lay two paper bags together, alternating ends, and fold.
- 2 Punch three holes along folded edge with a hole punch (it may be easier to punch one folded bag at a time, matching up the holes for the second bag).
- 3 Measure the front of the bag and cut two squares (or rectangles) of paper to fit.
- 4 Glue the paper to the front and back of the folded paper bag book.
- 5 Cut one strip of contrasting paper 2" wide and the height of the paper bag book.
- 6 Fold the strip of paper in half (right side in) and glue to the back of the paper bag book along the folded edge.
- 7 Turn the paper bag book over, and use the first set of punched holes as a guide to punch new holes.
- 8 Apply glue to the folded strip and wrap around the spine of the paper bag book.
- 9 Cut three pieces of ribbon 4" long. Thread through the punched holes and tie.
- 10 Decorate the inside pages with additional pieces of paper cut to fit.
- 11 Cut strips of cardstock approx. 3" x 4" to serve as tags.
- 12 Decorate the tags with punched holes, ribbon, buttons, paper cutouts, etc.
- 13 Insert at least one tag into each of the two bag openings.
- 14 Use the folded bottom of each bag to hide more pictures, photos, or journaling.

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Pin Hole Camera

Materials Needed:

1 Shoe Box

Duct tape

Decorative materials

Resin Coated (RC) Photographic Paper 3x5 size

Thumb Tacks

Call your local Motophoto, CVS or other photohut and make arrangements for kids to bring in their cameras.

Step 1: decorate the shoe box.

Step 2: Have them place a piece of looped tape on the inside of the box at one of the shorter ends of the box.

Step 3: Photo paper is light sensitive, so before you take it out of the box, turn off the lights. (The side of the paper that is treated will curl upwards) Place a piece of the photo paper on the tape and place the lid back on.

Step 4: Once the lid is on it is safe to turn the lights back on. Use the Duct tape to seal the box.

Step 5: Push a thumb tack into the center of the side opposite the photopaper – leave the tack in! find something that you would like to photograph. When you do, point the box at it and remove the tack – count to twenty before replacing it. Then bring the box to the local photo place for development. Boxes can be reused.