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A Story Hour Kit



A Cave Boy Read-Aloud & Craft Activity
to Create Your Very Own Woolly Mammoth

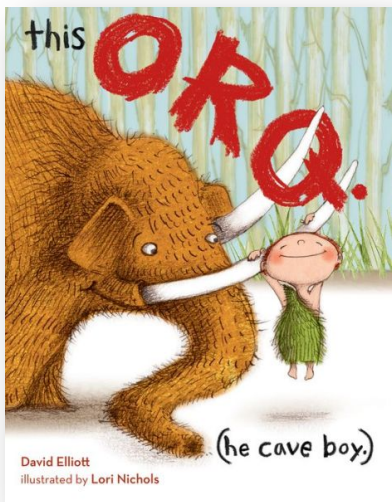
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ABOUT THE KIT

Just as our cave boy Orq befriends a baby woolly mammoth in *This Orq. (He Cave Boy.)*, your young readers can have their own woolly friend. With nothing more than a paper bag, scissors, crayons, and a stapler, you can lead readers in the creation of a knee-high mammoth puppet. Best for ages 2-5.

This kit contains: story hour poster, newsletter copy, read-aloud prompts, and a step-by-step guide to the craft.

ABOUT THE BOOK



This Orq. (He Cave Boy.)

By David Elliott

Illustrated by Lori Nichols

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Ages 3+

Meet Orq, cave boy. And Woma, woolly mammoth. Orq love Woma. Only one problem: Mom is not a fan of Woma, who sheds and smells and is definitely not cave-trained. How can Orq convince his mother that Woma belongs with them? Orq has a plan to get Woma back in the cave...A satisfying story about friendship and loyalty, filled with humor and heart.

"...it's going to be a huge hit at storytimes in bookstores, schools, and libraries. And I'm pretty sure every family I hand it to will read this one again and again and again, adopt Orq-speak in their own households..." –Elizabeth Bluemle, Publishers Weekly's ShelfTalker

"Elliott's text...is hilariously effective and also apt to tickle and be understood by very young readers...Nichols' digitally colored pencil illustrations are simple and slyly humorous. Offbeat and winning." –Kirkus Reviews

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

David Elliott lives in New Hampshire with his wife and a Dandie Dinmont terrier who doesn't shed, doesn't smell, and is housetrained. Kind of. David is the author of the *New York Times* Best Seller *And Here's to You!* illustrated by Randy Cecil; a trio of poetry books about animals illustrated by Holly Meade (*On the Farm, In the Sea*, and the ALSC Notable Book for Children *In the Wild*); and the brilliantly funny *Finn Throws a Fit* illustrated by Timothy Basil Ering; as well as many other picture books and middle-grade novels. davidelliottbooks.com.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR (cont.)

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STORY HOUR

What You Might Prepare - One Month in Advance of the Event

__ Locate a copy of the picture book **This Orq. (He Cave Boy.)** by David Elliott and illustrated by Lori Nichols (Boyd's Mills Press).

__ Make a Woma puppet prototype from the enclosed "Make Woma. Make Friend." sheet. With the handle attached, the Woma should easily "walk" beside a toddler or child.

__ If you are doing an event for the public, copy and display the Story Hour Poster in this kit, hand it out in your community, and include it in a display. List the event in social media, newsletters, and online calendars with copy such as:

Meet Orq, cave boy. And Woma, woolly mammoth. Orq love Woma. Bring your cave kids for a prehistoric read-aloud of the hilarious **This Orq. (He Cave Boy.)** by David Elliott and illustrated by Lori Nichols (Boyd's Mills Press). Cave kids will be able to wield their clubs (or better yet, their crayons) to make their very own Woma the woolly mammoth. All ages welcome, but best for ages 2-5.

What You Might Gather:

- __ Brown paper grocery bags with or without handles
(1 for each anticipated participant)
- __ Black and brown crayons and markers (for all to share)
- __ Scissors (1 for each anticipated participant)
- __ Staplers (1 for each 1-2 anticipated participants)

What You Might Prepare - One Week or More in Advance of the Event

__ Make copies of the "Make Woma. Make Friend." sheets for each anticipated participant. "Make Woma. Make Friend." is 2 pages. It is best printed on two sheets rather than double-sided.

__ Remind your social networks about the event.

What You Might Do - The Day of the Event

Getting Ready

__ Lay out your Woma-making supplies (paper bags, scissors, markers and/or crayons, staplers) on your crafting table.

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— Place your Woma prototype in easy reach of your story hour chair.

Read Aloud

Following are some suggested participatory read-aloud prompts for kids and adult:

Spread 1: This Orq. He live in cave. He carry club. He cave boy.

Who wants to be cave boy? Who wants to be a cave girl? Wave your pretend club over your head.

Spread 2: This Woma. Woma woolly mammoth. Orq love Woma.

Who wants to have a woolly mammoth? Pretend there is woolly beside you and give his head a scratch.

Spread 3: Every day Woma grow bigger...and bigger...

Look above you, your woolly mammoth is bigger than you!

Spread 4: and bigger! Orq love Woma.

Can you hug your woolly mammoth's trunk?

Spread 5: But Orq's mother not convinced. Woma shed. Woma smell. Woma not houstrained.

Can the mothers and fathers hold their noses?

Mother say, "Get that woolly mammoth out of this cave!"

Can the mothers and fathers point their "get out of cave" finger?

Spread 6: Poor Woma. Orq love Woma.

Spread 7: Orq get big idea. Teach Woma tricks. Mother think Woma smart. Mother think Woma cute. Mother love Woma.

Do you think Orq's big idea will work?

Spread 8: "Speak, Woma! Speak!" "Fetch, Woma! Fetch!" "Roll over, Woma! Roll o—"

Uh-oh. What did Woma roll on? Mother's flowers! Will Mother love Woma?

Spread 9: Poor Woma! Orq love Woma.

Is that a happy mother?

Spread 10: One day, Orq playing. He mighty hunter! Hunt bison! Hunt cave bear! Hunt . . .

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Spread 11: ...sabertooth!

Spread 12: Poor Orq!

Are you afraid of the sabertooth? Can you yell like Orq?

Sabertooth love Orq. But...

Spread 13: ...Woma love Orq more! Sabertooth reconsider.

Did Woma scare the sabertooth? Phew!

Spread 14: Orq safe now. Woma big hero.

Spread 15: Mother love Woma. Woma back in cave.

Spread 16: Kind of.

Let's all try and push Woma into the cave!

Activity

___ Transition your gathered cave kids by saying something like:

Do you think Woma, the woolly mammoth, is a good friend for Orq? Is Orq, the cave boy, a good friend for Woma?

Would you like a woolly mammoth for a friend? Would your mother let you keep Woma?

What if Woma were very small? What if he were this big? [show them your Woma prototype.]

Yes? Do each of you want to make your own Woma?

___ Hand out the "Make Woma. Make Friend." sheets and show where the supplies are located.

___ Lead the craft or allow your mammoth-makers to be self-directed.

___ Enjoy bringing woolly mammoths into the world. Let's hope they don't shed...



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Bring your cave kids for a read-aloud of **This Orq. (He Cave Boy.)** by David Elliott and illustrated by Lori Nichols (Boyd's Mills Press).

Cave boys and girls will get to make their own **woolly mammoth puppets** for companionship and overall cuteness.

Date & Time:

Location:





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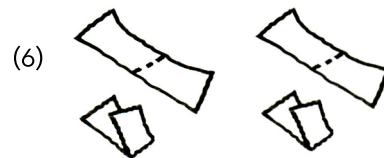
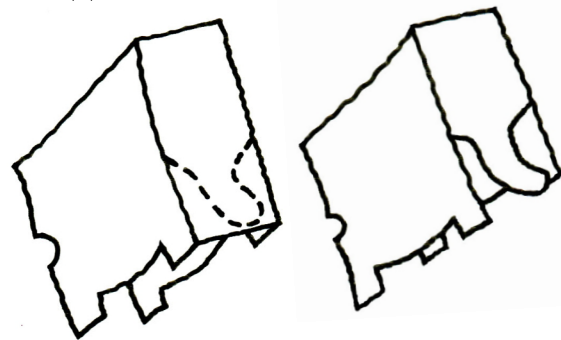
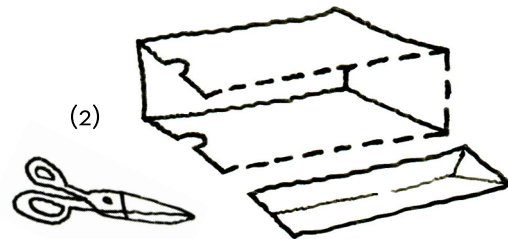
Create your own woolly mammoth for friendship and occasional protection against saber-toothed creatures.

What You Will Need:

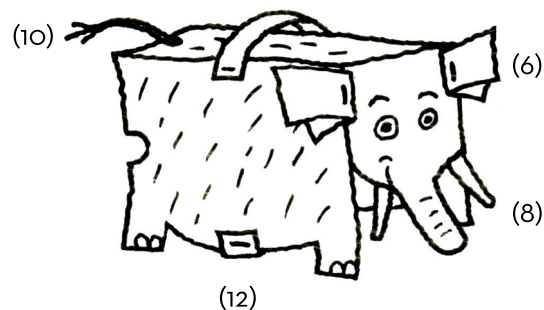
- Brown paper grocery bag (with or without handles)
- Black or brown crayon or marker
- Scissors & stapler

What You Might Do:

- 1) Remove any handles from the grocery bag. Keep the handles!
- 2) Cut out one narrow side of the bag.
- 3) If bag has writing on it, gently turn it inside-out.
- 4) Make mammoth feet & a belly by cutting into the edge of the longer side of the bag. Repeat on the opposite side. Keep the paper scraps!
- 5) Draw and cut out a mammoth trunk on the bottom of the bag.
- 6) To create ears, fold the feet/belly paper scraps off-center and staple to the side of your mammoth's head.
- 7) Draw eyes, eyebrows, and a mammoth smile above the trunk!
- 8) Cut out the tusks from the next page and staple them on either side of the trunk.
- 9) Cut out the handle from the next page, fold it in half, and staple it to the top of the mammoth (writing side up).
- 10) Cut a mammoth tail from a bag handle or paper scrap. Snip the end for a tufted tail!
- 11) Cover your mammoth with fur with a marker or crayon. Hopefully your Woma will not shed!
- 12) Use another bag handle or paper scrap and the stapler to connect and brace the two sides of your mammoth's belly. Now take your Woma for a walk!



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MAKE WOMA. MAKE FRIEND.

Tusks for chasing saber-toothed creatures and a handle for walking your Woma.

Woma Handle

Cut around the outside edge of the Woma Handle, fold in the center, and attach to the top of your woolly mammoth with staples for easy Woma walking.

Woma Tusk

Cut out the tusks and attach to either side of Woma's trunk.

