

ELMER

Create a Celebration!

Elmer Picture Book Series

2019 will mark the 30th anniversary of Elmer, the first book published about the patchwork elephant. Written and illustrated by David McKee and published by Andersen Press UK (distributed in the US by Lerner Publishing), the series features more than 30 picture books and has sold more than 8 million copies in 50 languages worldwide.

Elmer Day

In the very first book about this beloved character, the patchwork elephant tries to hide his vibrant patterns. Elmer's friends reassure him that they love him because of his unique qualities, and not in spite of them. In celebration of Elmer's appearance, the other elephants paint themselves with colors and patterns and hold a parade. **This parade marked the very first Elmer Day.**

Libraries, schools, bookstores, and community groups all over the world celebrate Elmer Day with patchwork crafts, games, and, of course, parades. **Follow international events under the hashtag #ElmerDay.**

The release of David McKee's **Elmer's Special Day** revisits Elmer Day. This time, Elmer realizes that the other jungle animals have been left out of the celebration. Elmer declares, **"everyone means everyone"** when it comes to Elmer Day. The message invites children to consider who they might be including and not including in their own play and friendships.

Create an Elmer Day Celebration

Honoring the themes of kindness, diversity, inclusion, and friendship, explore these event and classroom materials! Visit <http://bit.ly/ElmerDayUS> for free downloads of:

Event Materials

- Event Tips
- Press Release
- Event Poster
- Display Poster
- Event Pennants

Classroom Activities

- Kindness Celebration
- Celebratory Assembly
- Lesson Plans

Craft Projects

- Coloring Sheets
- Elephant Mask
- Elmer Ears
- Elephant Garland
- Milk Bottle Elmer
- Paper Plate Elmer

Games

- Dice Game
- Hide & Seek Game
- Pin the Trunk on Elmer



"everyone means everyone"

—Elmer's Special Day



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Discover More Stories!

Featured Hardcover

Elmer's Special Day 9780761351542

Perfect for Elmer Day celebrations and classroom conversations about inclusion. Elmer invites all of the animals in the jungle to express their creativity and join the parade with the declaration that, "everyone means everyone."

Elmer and Aunt Zelda 9781512439458

Elmer and the Birthday Quake 9781467711173

Consider these picture books for intergenerational and grandparent events and classroom explorations. In the jungle, Elmer and the elephants always honor their elders.

Elmer and the Race 9781512416244

Is your classroom getting too competitive or worried about outcomes? Explore how any child can "win" the race with this read aloud. Consider creating special awards for every child in your classroom just like Elmer does.

Elmer and the Monster 9781467742009

A silly read aloud for story hour or for any child who might be a little afraid of monsters. The monster? It's just Bloo-Bloo, and he will teach your readers how to ROAR!

Elmer and the Tune 9781512481242

This a fun read aloud for an Elmer-themed birthday party as it ends with a round of the "Happy Birthday" song! Use the crafts and games available at bit.ly/ElmerDayUS to create a birthday party that an elephant (or child) will not forget.

Elmer and the Whales 9781467734530

This picture book offers an opportunity for a treasure hunt through a bookstore or library. Can your readers go on a journey to find the non-fiction whale books just as Elmer journeys down the river to the sea to encounter whales?

Other Great Elmer Hardcover

Elmer and Butterfly 9781467763264

Elmer and Grandpa Eldo 9781512405699

Elmer and Rose 9780761354932

Elmer and Snake 9781467720335

Elmer and Super El 9780761389897

Elmer and the Big Bird 9781467703192

Elmer and the Flood 9781467793124

Elmer and the Hippos 9780761364429

Elmer and the Rainbow 9780761374107

Elmer's Christmas 9780761380887

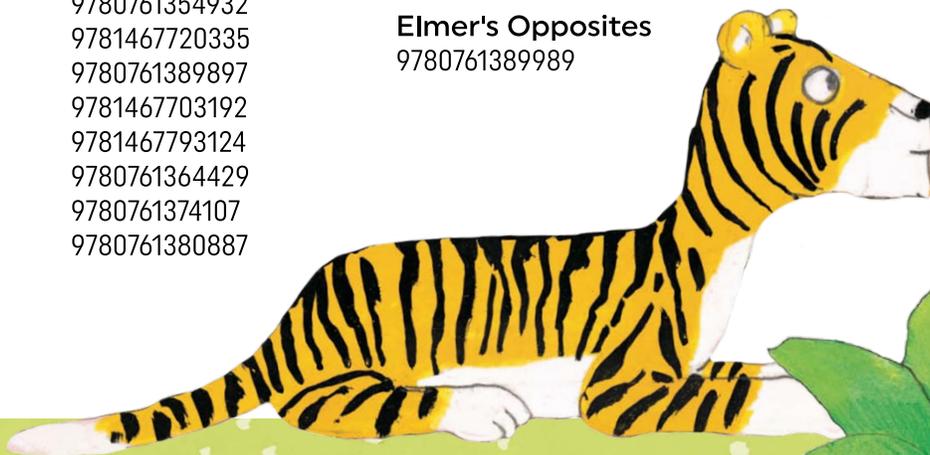
Board Books

Elmer's First Counting Book

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Elmer's Opposites

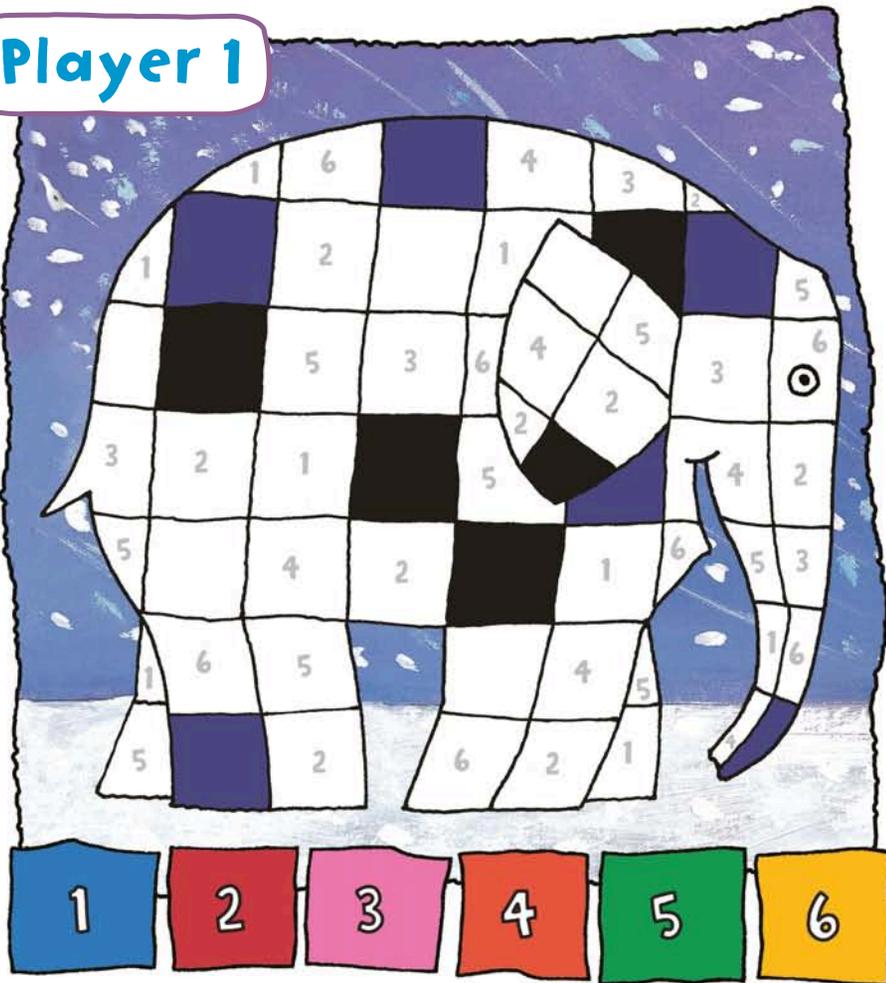
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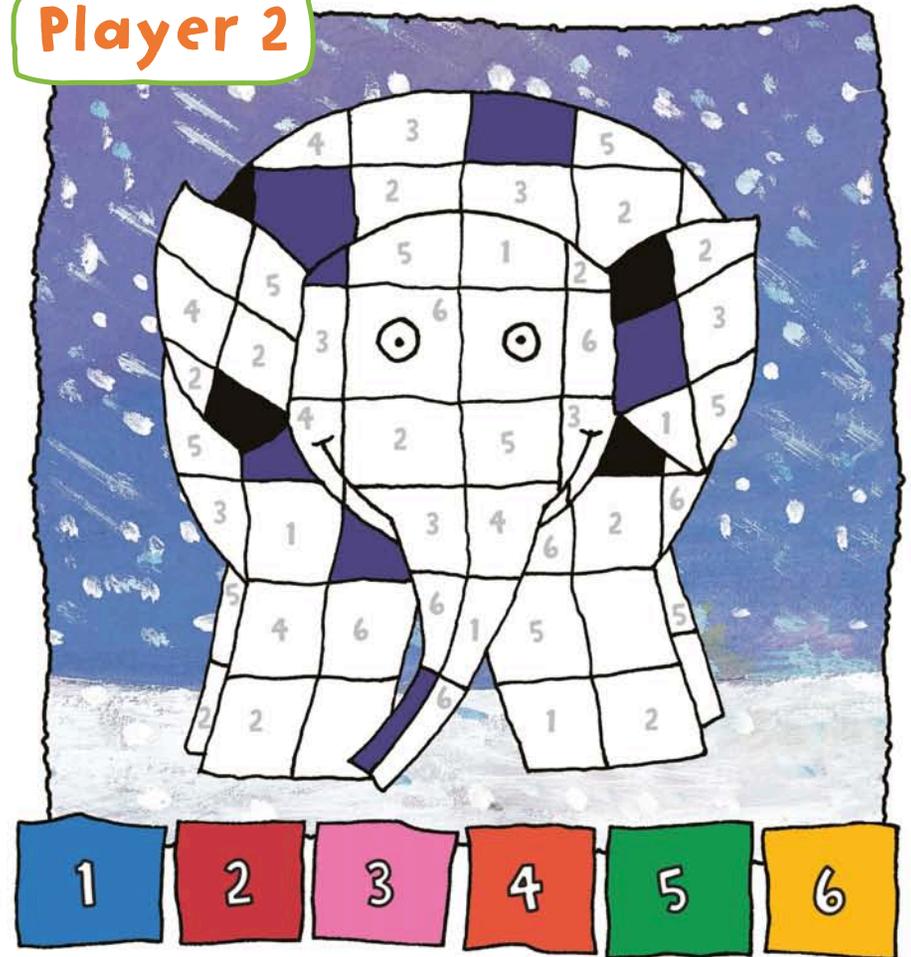
ELMER'S DICE GAME!

This game is suitable for two players. Each player should choose a picture and take turns rolling the dice. Match the number to the colors below your picture and color all patches with that number. The first to color Elmer wins the game!

Player 1

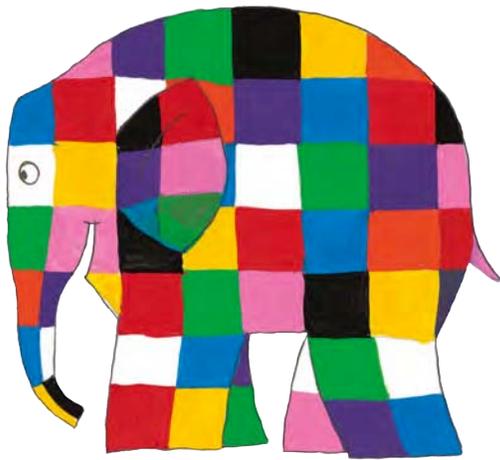


Player 2

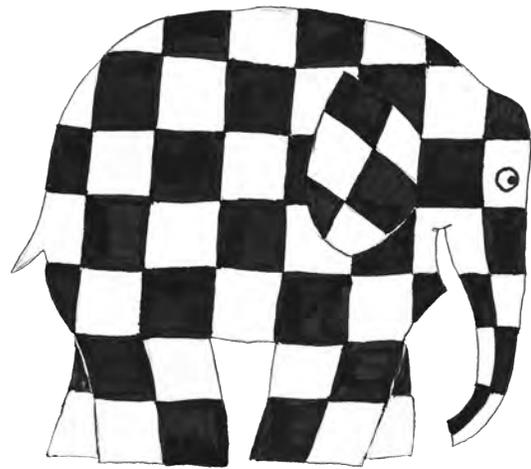


ELMER'S Hide and Seek Game

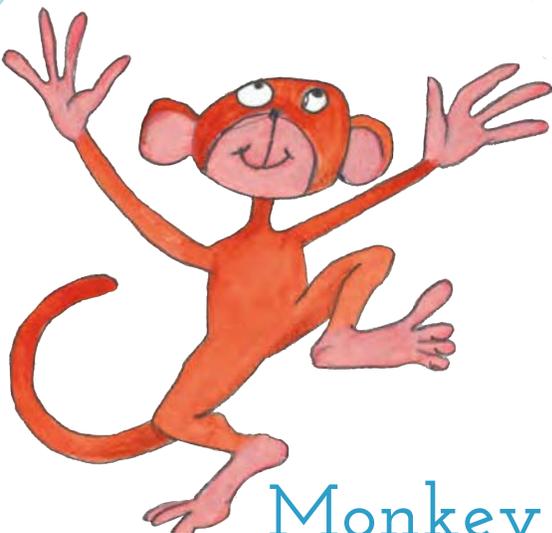
- Print and cut out character cards and a checklist for each of your players.
- Hide the cards around your space. Consider hiding them near displays of non-fiction books featuring the animals.
- Hand out the checklist and a crayon to players and invite them to play hide and seek with Elmer.
- Allow players to keep the cards they find for home play.



Elmer



Wilbur



Monkey



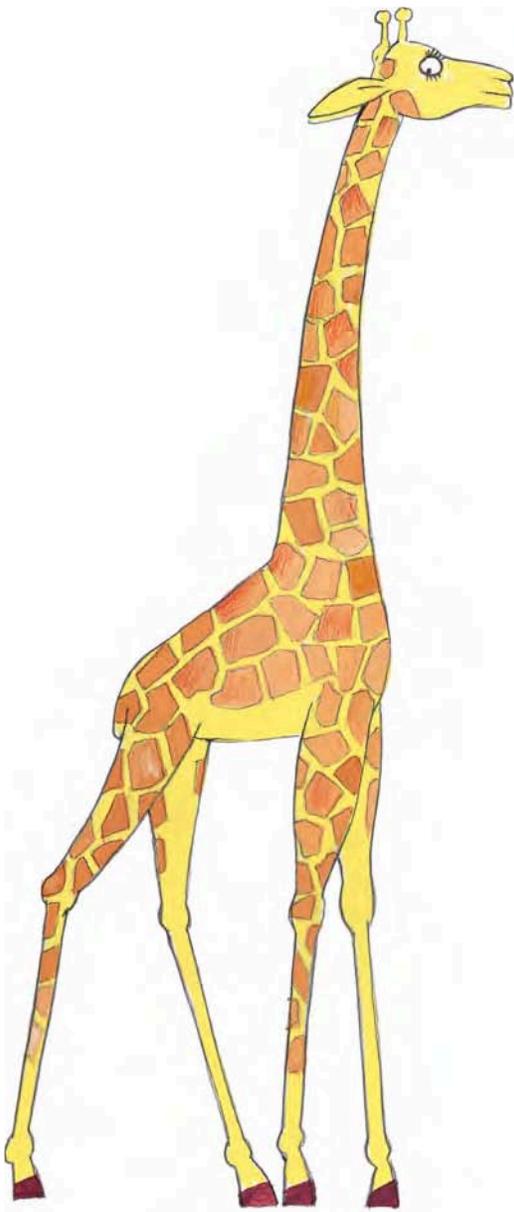
Tiger



Lion



Crocodile



Giraffe

ELMER'S Hide and Seek Game



Elmer



Wilbur



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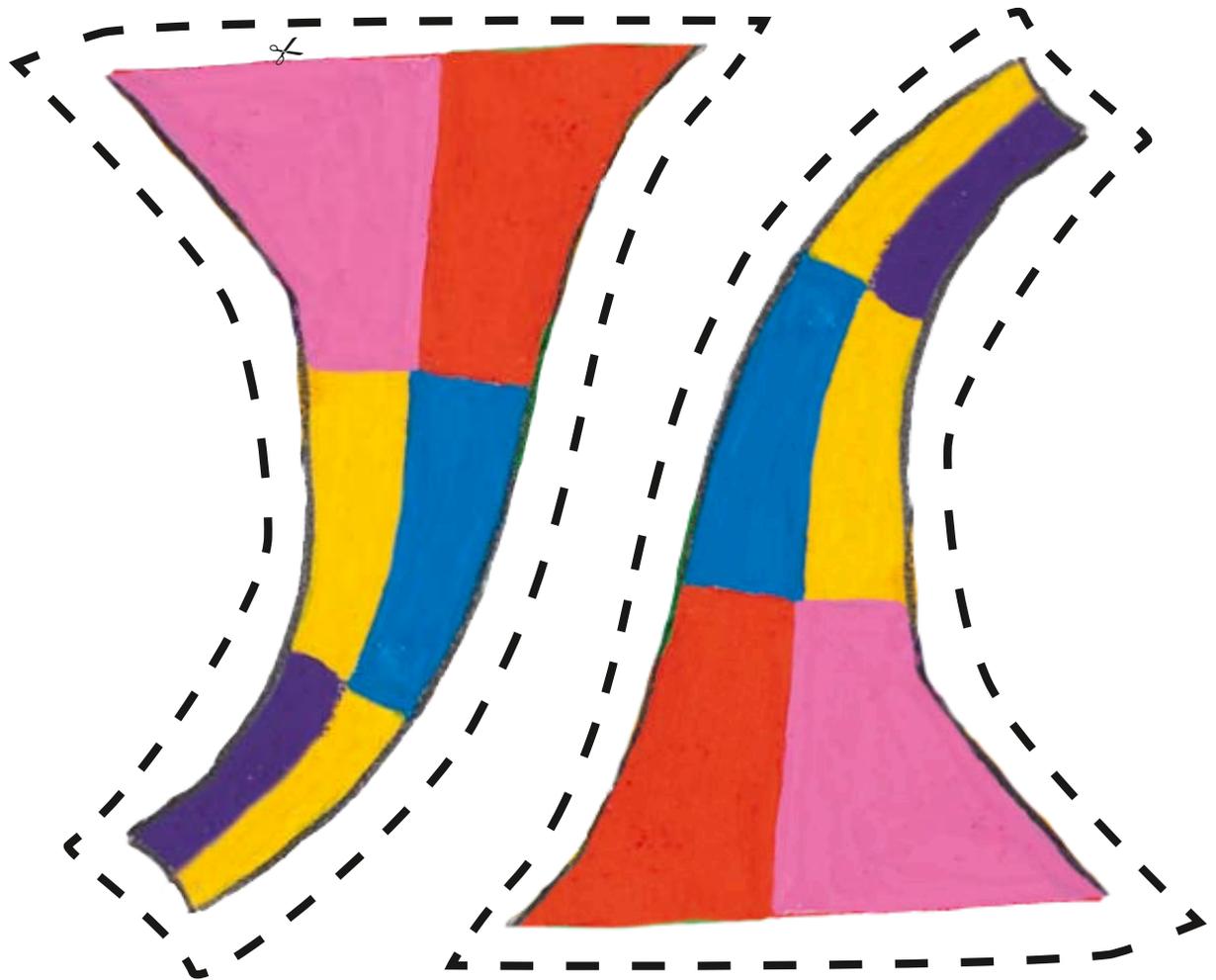
Giraffe

Pin the trunk on **ELMER!**



"Everyone means everyone." —Elmer

Pin the trunk on **ELMER!**



Instructions:

- Stick the poster on the wall.
- Cut out the **Elmer** trunk above and stick some tape on the back.
- Wearing a blindfold, take turns trying to stick **Elmer's** trunk in the right position.