

HOW TO HOLD YOUR OWN ELMER PARADE

You can hold an Elmer parade in a library, a bookshop, a classroom, at home, outside – anywhere!



HERE ARE SOME IDEAS FOR YOUR PARADE:

- ★ Encourage everyone to show their colours like Elmer by dressing in their brightest, most colourful clothes.
- ★ Start by reading an Elmer story. We suggest *Elmer* or *Elmer's Special Day* as these books feature a parade!
- ★ Choose an activity from this pack and get creative with colour!
- ★ Why not show your colours in the parade? Everybody get in line and form a procession around the room. Let everyone see what you've made, and your brightly coloured outfits.



Take a photo of your parade and tweet it to @andersenpress using #Elmer25



OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

- ★ Try face painting, take a look at the decorated elephants in *Elmer's Special Day* for ideas.
- ★ Serve Elmer snacks (anything colourful or elephant shaped biscuits)
- ★ Listen to or sing some elephant themed songs during the parade.
- ★ You could hire the Elmer costume.
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- ★ You could try working together on a huge Elmer picture to decorate the wall. Each person could fill a different patch with colour or patterns.

Andersen Press invites YOU to join Elmer's Anniversary Parade and 'show your colours'!



ELMER CRAFT ACTIVITIES



Add some more colour to your parade with these creative activities...

CREATE AN ELMER PAPER PLATE MASK:

- ★ You will need 2 paper plates and some extra cardboard for each child, plus squares of colourful tissue paper, paints or crayons for decorations.
- ★ Cut one paper plate in half and stick it to the other plate to make Elmer's ears
- ★ Cut out a trunk shape from cardboard and stick it onto Elmer's face
- ★ Decorate your mask with lots of colours and then add some eyes (we've used googly eyes, but you could make your own with paper and pens)



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MAKE AN ELMER TRUNK:

- ★ You will need some string, lots of toilet roll tubes or large pasta tubes, and paint or colourful tissue paper.
- ★ When you've decorated each of the tubes, string them together and poke a hole in the first and last tube and tie a knot to secure in place.



HOW TO MAKE AN ELMER FIGURE



Find out how to make a whole herd of Elmers out of plastic milk bottles...

CREATE A MILK BOTTLE ELMER:

- ★ You will need a plastic milk bottle for each child, plus lots of colourful tissue paper cut up into squares.
- ★ Prepare each milk bottle by removing the lid and label and washing out the inside. Then cut off the bottom part of the bottle to create Elmer's legs and trunk.
- ★ Cover the surface with PVA glue and then stick tissue paper squares all over the elephant in an Elmer patchwork style.
- ★ Once your elephant is completely covered in tissue paper give it a coat of PVA to varnish.
- ★ Finally add some eyes (we've used googly eyes, but you could make your own with paper and pens). If you have time you can make Elmer some ears out of card as well.



TIP: If you want to make an ordinary grey elephant you could paint it grey. Try adding some black ready-mix paint to PVA glue so that it sticks to the plastic.

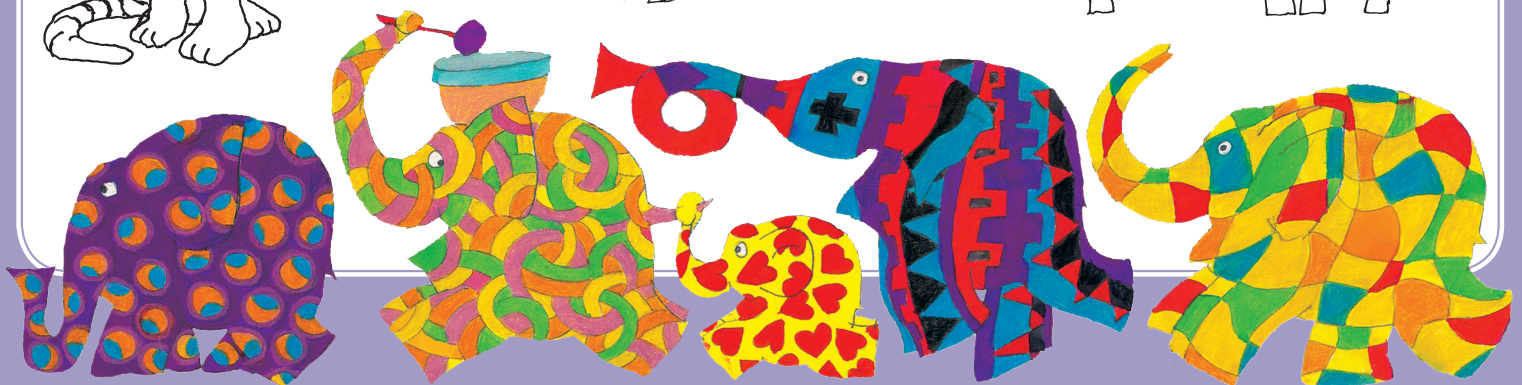
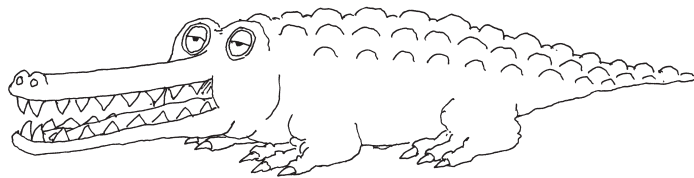
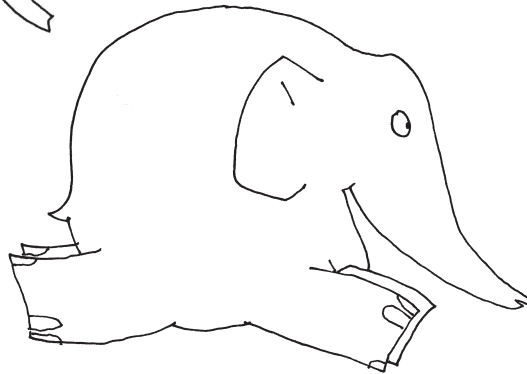
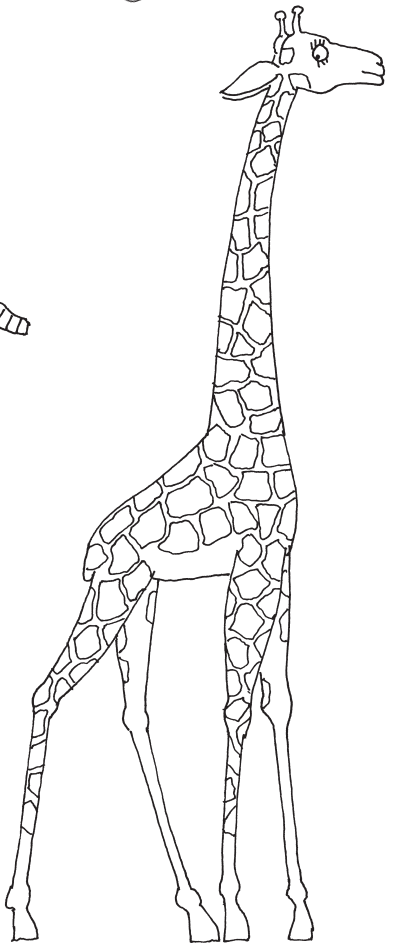
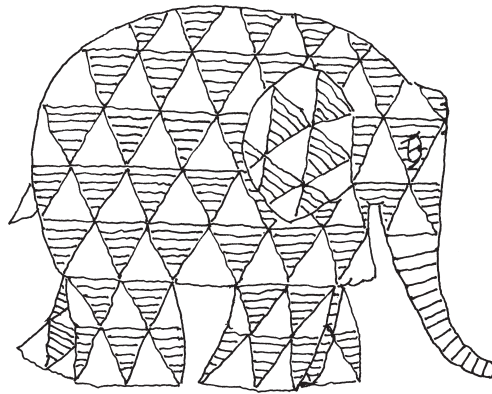
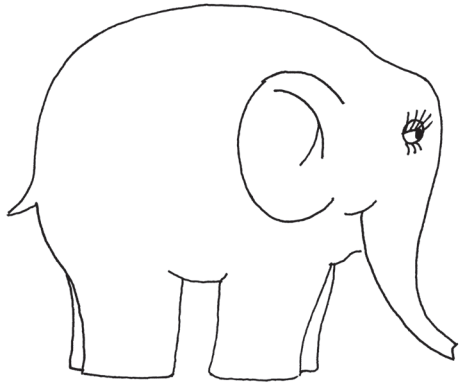
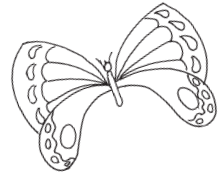
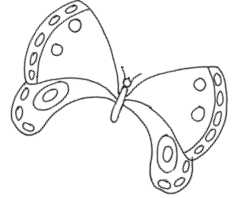
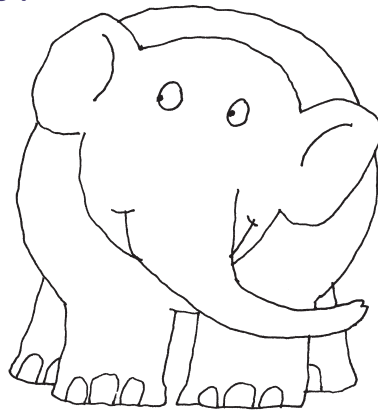
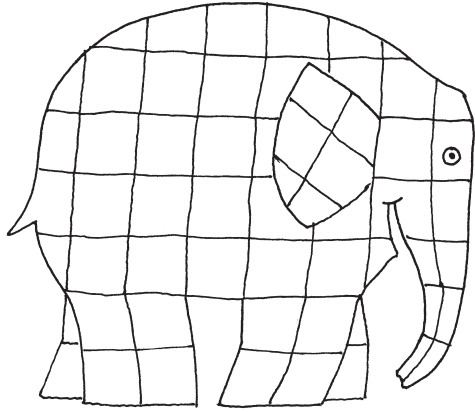
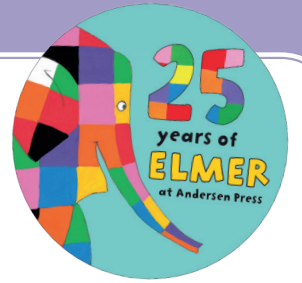


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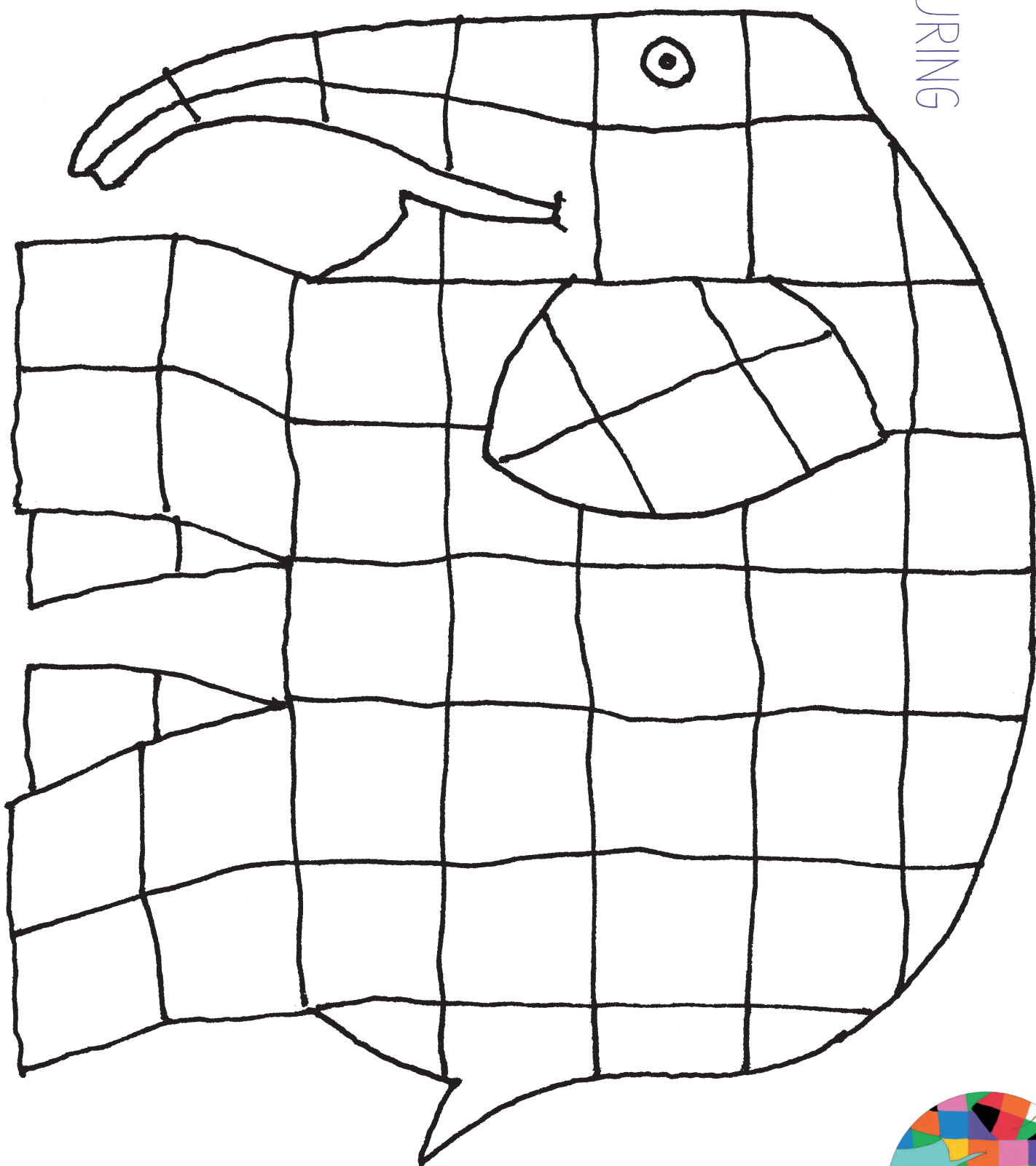


ELMER COLOURING SHEET

Can you help the animals decorate themselves for the parade?



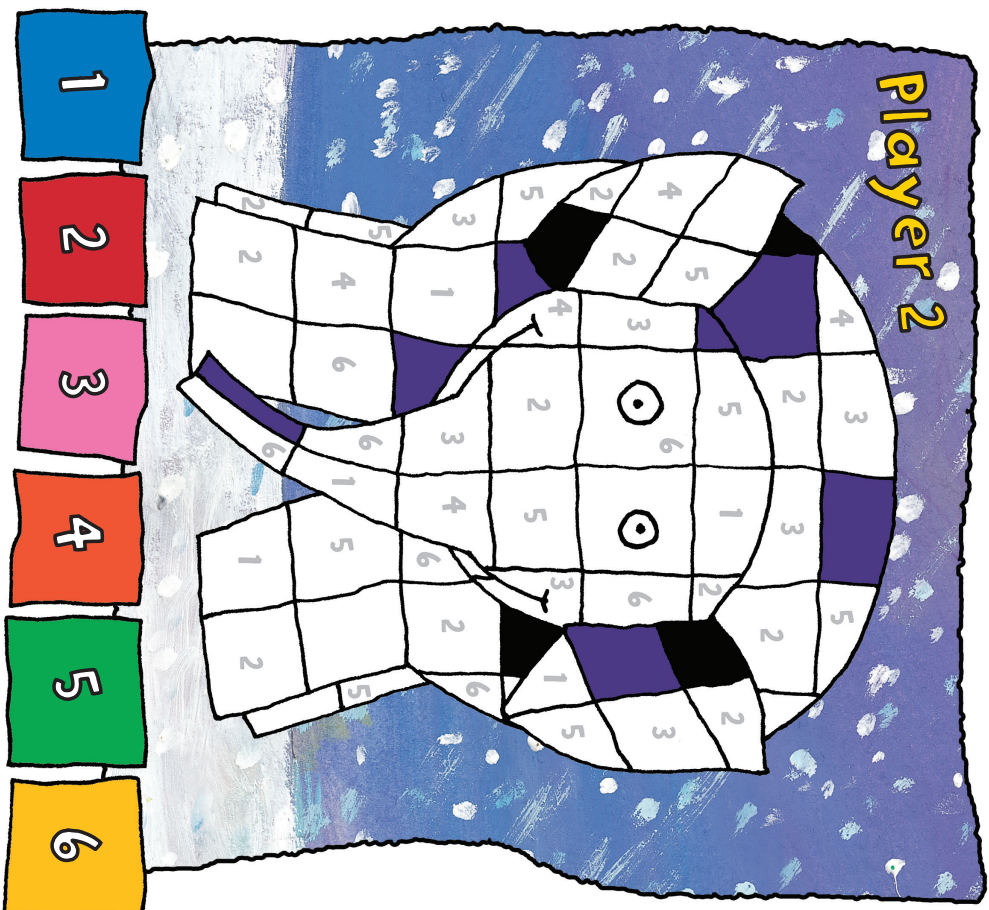
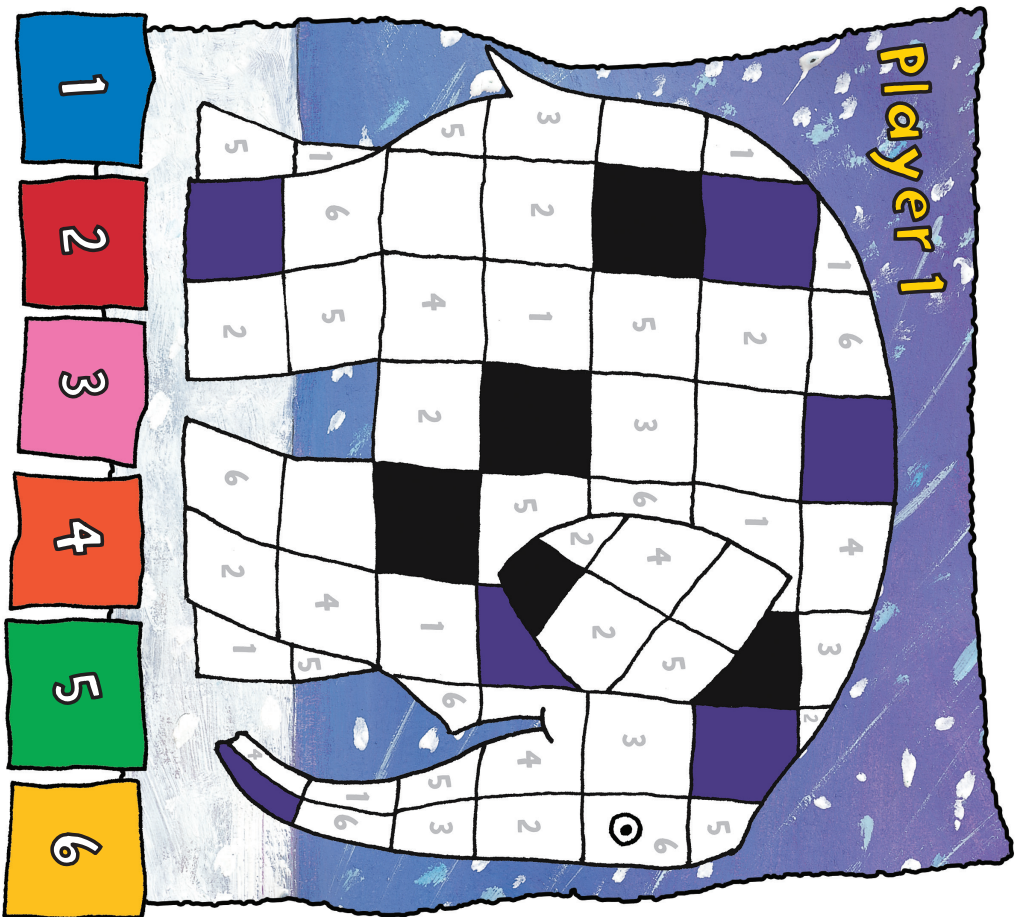
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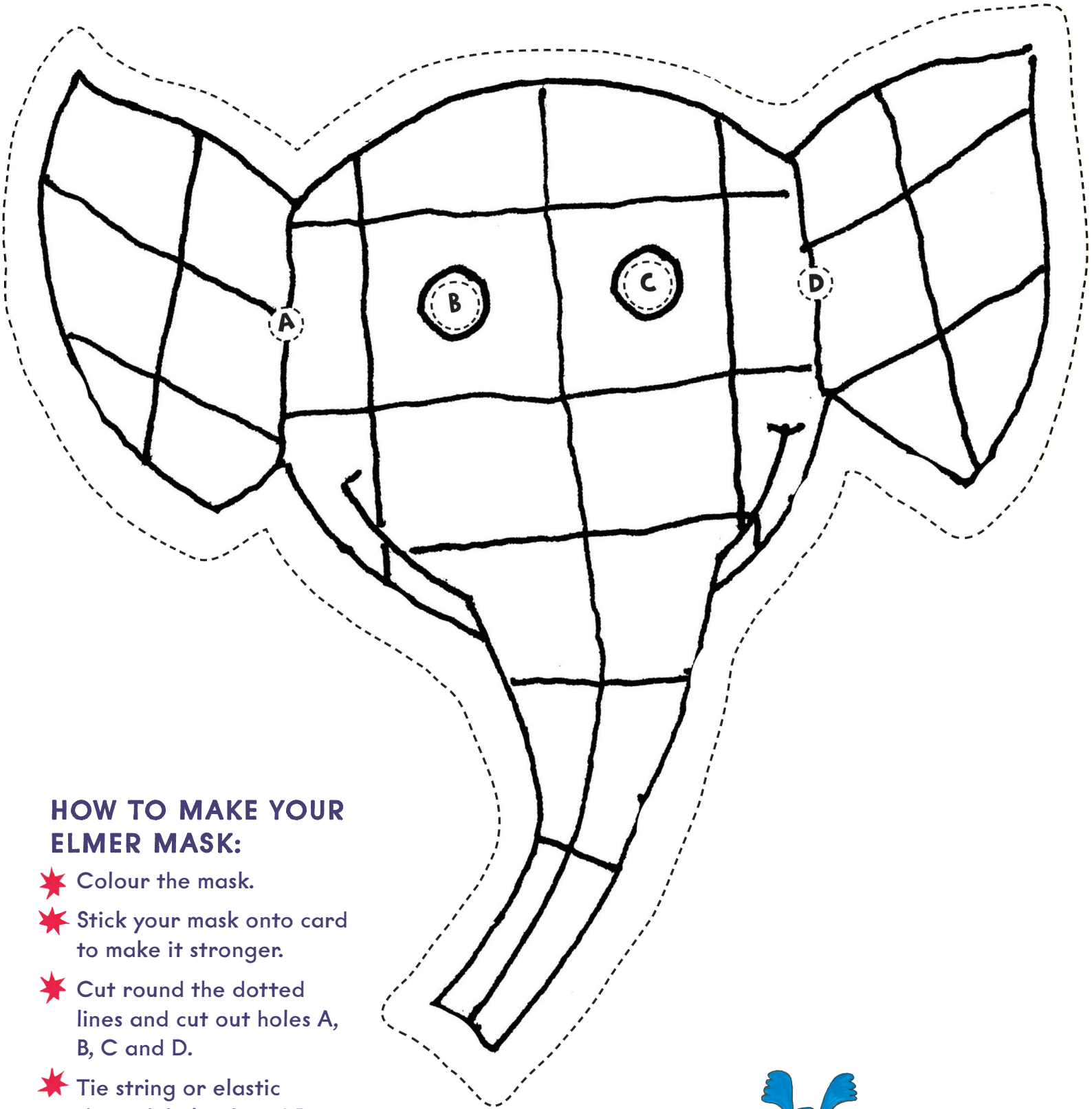
ELMER GAME FOR TWO PLAYERS

HOW TO PLAY:

Choose a picture and take turns to roll the dice. Match the number to the colours below your picture and colour all of the squares with that number inside. The first to colour Elmer wins the game!



MAKE YOUR OWN ELMER MASK



HOW TO MAKE YOUR ELMER MASK:

- ★ Colour the mask.
- ★ Stick your mask onto card to make it stronger.
- ★ Cut round the dotted lines and cut out holes A, B, C and D.
- ★ Tie string or elastic through holes A and D.

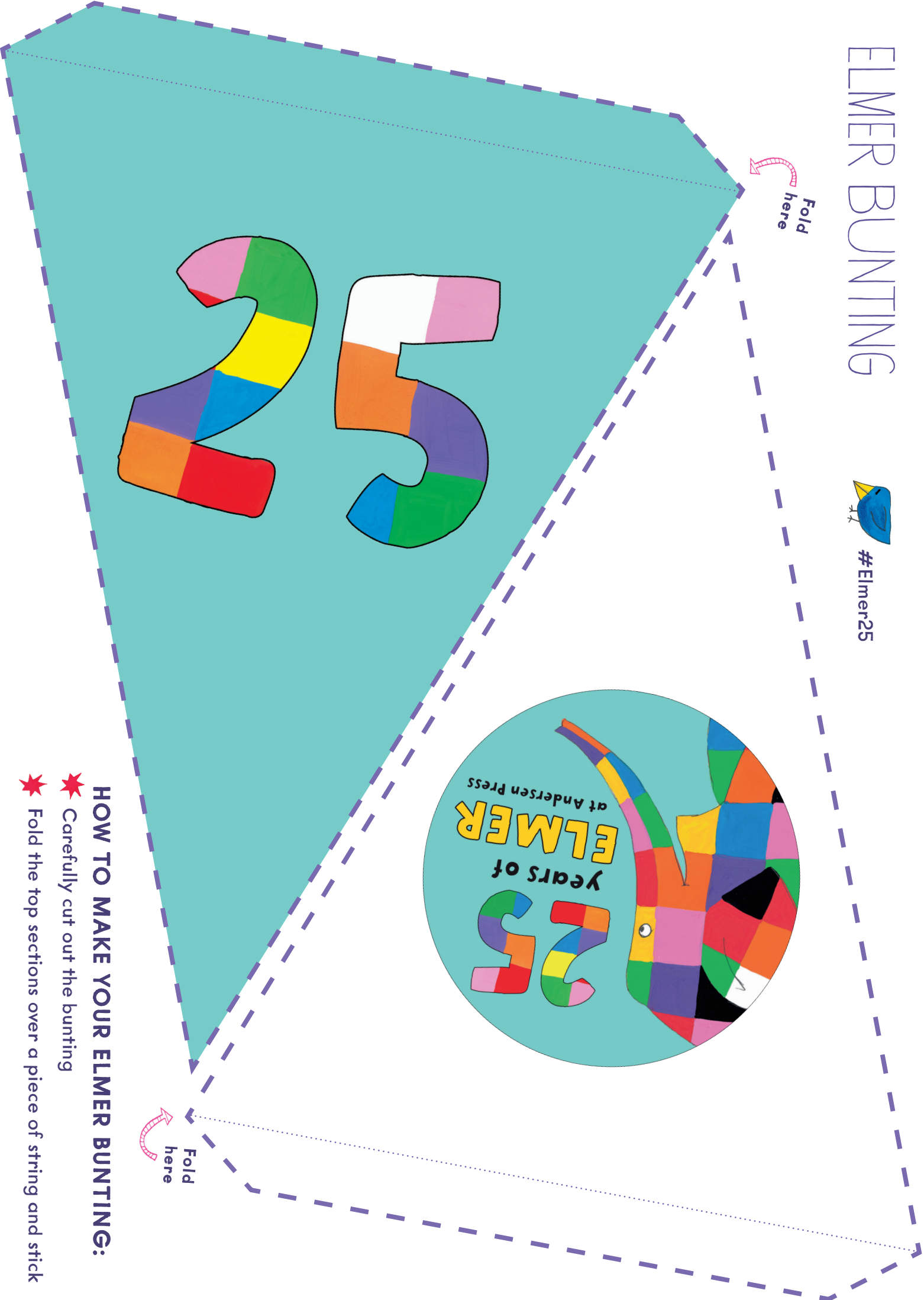


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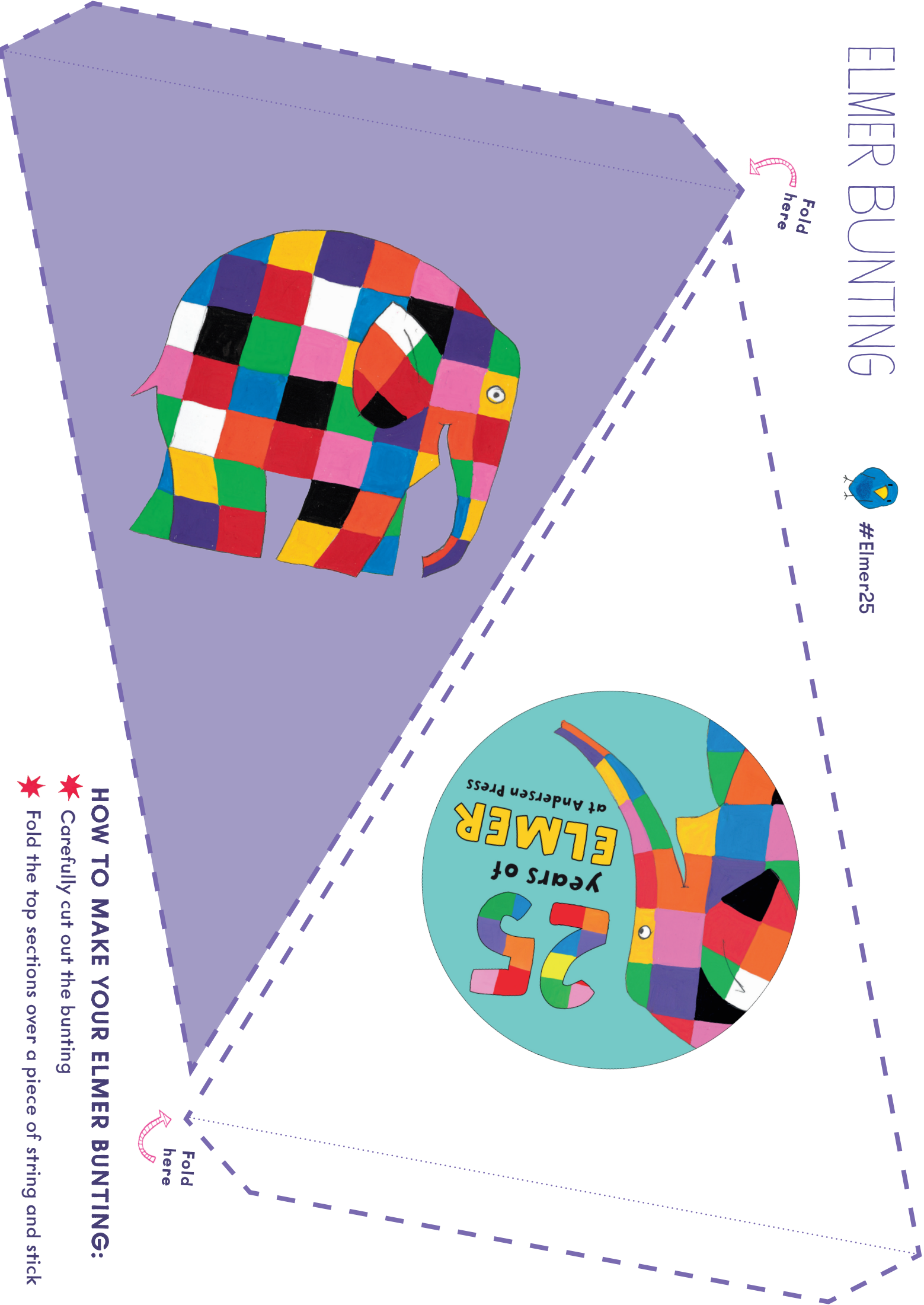
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