

# Be Elephantastic Patch Program



Be elephantastic with this patch program! This year's fall program mascot is the Asian Elephant, and we can't wait for you to march in line with these magnificent animals. Learn why these beautiful creatures are endangered and what important steps you can take to help with their preservation.

## Steps to earn your Be Elephantastic patch:

- [Order your patch](#) (available while supplies last)!
- Complete the 2 required activities.
- Complete 5 additional activities of your choice.

Activities marked with \* have additional resources attached to this document.

Activities in [green](#) are linked to online resources.

### Required

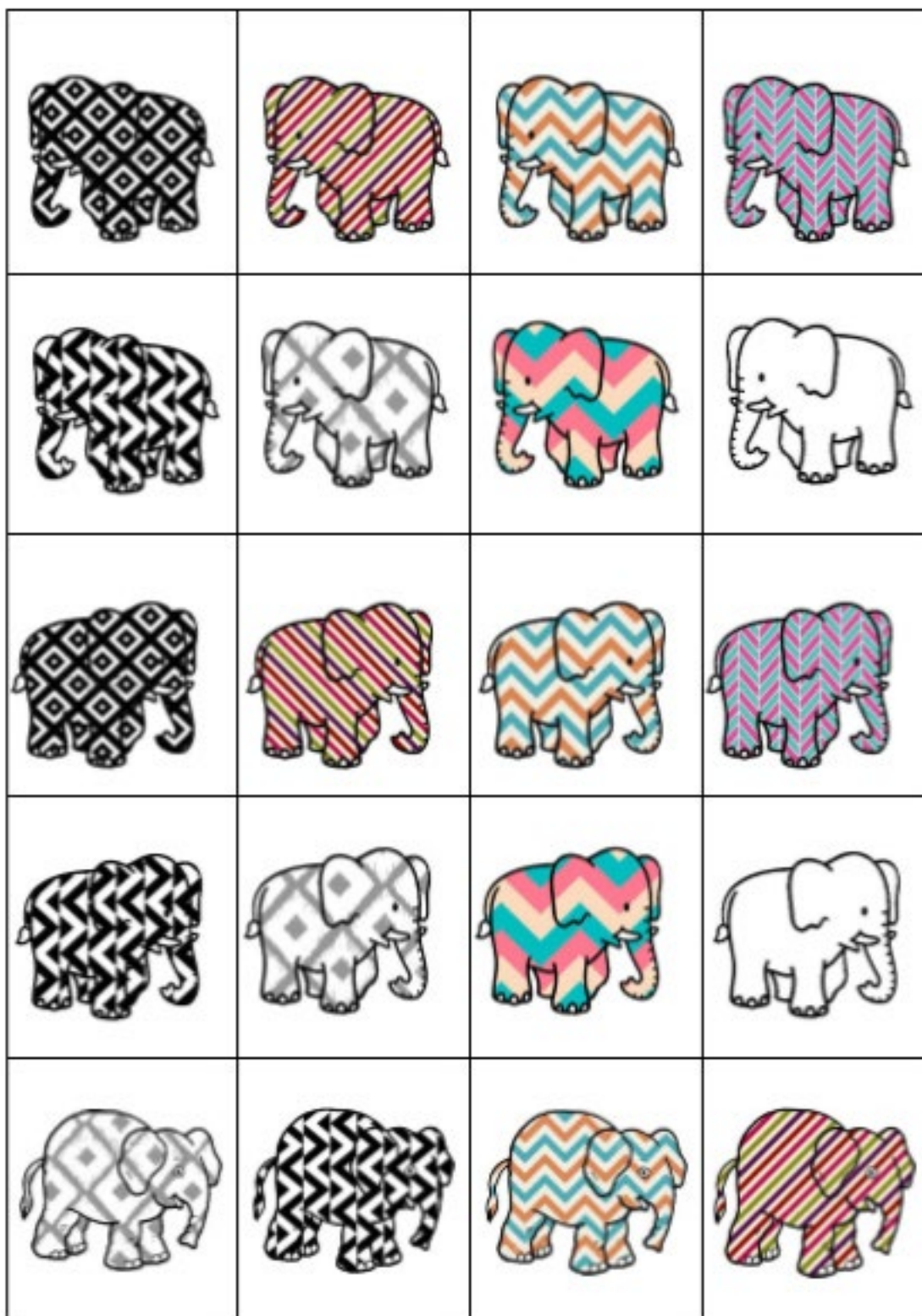
- Research [Asian Elephants](#) and find out why they are endangered. Discuss what you learn about Asian Elephants with an adult. Some topics may be:
  - What kind of habitat do they inhabit?
  - What do they eat?
  - Why are they culturally important?
  - What are some threats to them?
- [Sign the pledge](#) to keep endangered animals safe.
- [Learn more](#) about why the Asian Elephant is endangered.
- Craft your own elephant ([see examples](#)).
- Asian Elephants live in a herd that have a [matriarchal herd](#). Discover what that means.
- [Asian Elephants](#) are smart and empathetic creatures. Tell a family member or friend 6 other things that you find interesting about Asian Elephants.
- Elephants have the largest brain among mammals and an incredible memory. Test your memory with this elephant matching game.\*
- Visit your local library and check out a fun book about elephants to read and share with a friend. Some examples include: The Great Elephant Chase, The Story of Babar, Elephants Never Forget and Horton Hears a Who!
- Asian Elephants are herbivores. Take on the challenge of eating an entire meal as an herbivore.

- ❑ Create elephant inspired snacks. Some include:
  - Banana Elephant\*
  - Carved Watermelon Elephant\*
  - Elephant Ears\*
  - Decorate a cookie, cupcake or cake to look like an elephant
  
- ❑ Complete an elephant themed word scramble or word search.\*
  
- ❑ Elephants use mud as sunscreen to help protect their skin. Try making and wearing mud sunscreen on your arm or your leg or make a DIY mud mask for your face and have a spa day!
  
- ❑ Discuss with an adult about how you could help with conservation efforts by limiting your carbon footprint.
  - Climate Control: Keep your temperature system on a moderate setting while you're in the room.
  - Wasteful Windows: Use your windows wisely! If your climate control system is on, shut them....if you need a little fresh air, turn off the heat or AC.
  - Minimize Plug Load: Cut down the number of appliances you are running and you will save big on energy.
  - Take the Stairs: Use the stairs as often as possible. Elevators consume electricity. You, on the other hand, do not.
  - Shorten Showers: Try to take shorter showers. The less hot water you use, the less energy is needed to heat the water.
  - Check out how you can help with conservation efforts by the [World Wildlife Fund](#).



# Elephant Matching Game

Print and cut out elephants. Mix up designs and place upside down. Take turns selecting 2 elephants until matches have been found.



# Elephant Snacks

## Banana Elephant

Ingredients:

- Rice cake or round of bread
- 2 bananas
- 2 pieces of cucumber
- 1 grape cut in half

Steps:

1. Place the rice cake or round of bread on a plate.
2. Use a whole banana and place it on the rice cake/bread as an elephant nose.
3. Cut the other banana in half and place them next to the rice cake/bread as elephant's ears.
4. Place the 2 pieces of cucumber as the eyes.
5. Place the half of grapes as the eyeballs of the elephant.



## Elephant Ears

Ingredients:

Dough:

- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 3/8 cup shortening
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons active dry yeast
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 quart oil for frying

Topping:

- 6 tablespoons white sugar
- 3 tablespoons ground cinnamon

Steps:

1. Prepare dough: Combine milk, shortening sugar and salt in a small saucepan over medium heat. Cook and stir until shortening melts and sugar dissolves. Remove from heat and let cool to lukewarm, 110 degrees F.
2. Sprinkle yeast into the cooled dough mixture and let sit until foamy.
3. Transfer mixture to a large bowl and stir in flour to form a dough. Knead until smooth; cover and let rise 30 minutes.
4. Heat oil in a deep fryer or large saucepan to 375 degrees F.
5. Roll out 2-inch balls of dough into thin sheets; fry in hot oil until puffed and golden, about 1 to 2 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels.
6. Prepare topping: Combine sugar and cinnamon in a bowl.
7. Sprinkle topping over warm elephant ears and serve.



## Carved Watermelon Elephant

Note: Girl Scouts should have adult supervision when making this snack.

### Supplies:

- A ripe, medium-sized watermelon
- A sharp knife
- A melon baller or small scoop
- Toothpicks
- Assorted fruits for decorating (optional)

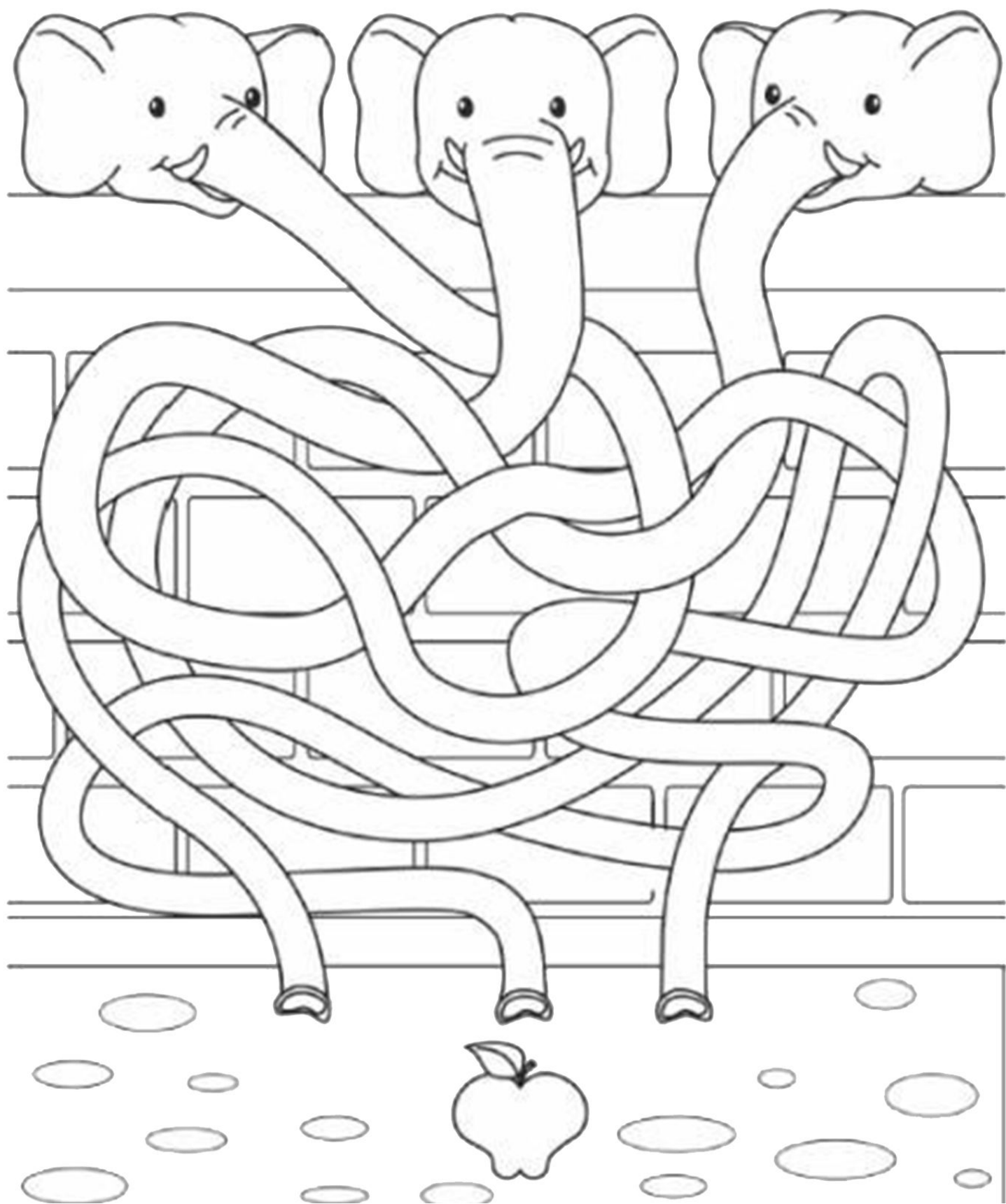
### Steps:

1. Prepare the Watermelon  
Start by washing the watermelon thoroughly to remove any dirt or debris from the rind. Then, place the watermelon on a clean, flat surface.
2. Create the Elephant's Body  
Using a sharp knife, carefully slice off a small portion of the watermelon's rind on one side to create a stable base for the elephant. This will ensure that your watermelon elephant stands upright.
3. Carve the Elephant's Head  
Next, use the knife to carve a small, rounded shape at the top of the watermelon to form the elephant's head. Be sure to leave enough space for the elephant's trunk and ears.
4. Form the Elephant's Trunk and Ears  
Using the knife, carefully carve out a long, curved trunk on one side of the watermelon. Then, carve out two large, fan-shaped ears on either side of the head. You can use the excess watermelon rind to create the ears by cutting them into the desired shape and attaching them to the head using toothpicks.
5. Add the Finishing Touches  
Once the basic shape of the elephant is carved, use a melon baller or small scoop to create round, hollowed-out areas for the elephant's eyes. You can also use toothpicks to attach small pieces of assorted fruits, such as berries or grapes, to the elephant's body to add color and detail.



# Elephant Scramble

Guess which elephant gets the apple - then trace their trunks to see if you were correct!





# ELEPHANTS

## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

E V R E S E R A S E L K  
G R E T A W F L L T H S  
R E A C R R L W A S A U  
A I A G I U A O M E I T  
L L R C B P N C I R R H  
F A A H E R D K N O A N  
Y N S U C R I C A F T S

AFRICAN  
ANIMALS  
BULL  
CALF  
CIRCUS  
COW  
FOREST  
GRAY  
HAIR  
HERD  
LAND  
LARGE  
RESERVE  
TAIL  
TRUNK  
TUSK  
WATER

The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.  
Find and circle each word.

