

Hudson RiverKids Story Hour

Cardboard Tube Elephant

Activity Time: 15-20 minutes

Activity Summary:

This week's story is *Little Elliot, Big City* written by Mike Curato. Amid the hustle and bustle of the big city, the big crowds, and bigger buildings, Little Elliot, the polka-dotted elephant, leads a quiet life. In spite of the challenges he faces, Elliot finds many wonderful things to enjoy—like cupcakes! And when his problems seem insurmountable, Elliot discovers something even sweeter—a friend. Discover the heartwarming friendship story of Little Elliot and Mouse.

We invite you to follow along with this story during Hudson RiverKids Story Hour on Facebook Live and use the instructions below to create your own elephant out of a cardboard tube and a few other common craft supplies!

Materials:

- 1 Cardboard Tube (like a clean toilet paper roll)
- Construction Paper or Thin Cardboard (a cereal or snack box)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly Eyes (optional)
- Paint or Markers

Instructions:

1. Paint or color your cardboard tube. This will become the head of your elephant.
2. Using your thin cardboard/construction paper and scissors, cut out two bean shapes for ears and a long rectangle for your trunk.
3. Paint or color your ears and trunk.
4. Allow any paint to dry.
5. Fold your trunk a few times like an accordion.
6. Glue ears to the back of your cardboard tube so they are secure and visible from the front.
7. Glue your trunk to the front of your cardboard tube.
8. Glue on googly eyes or paint/draw eyes on your elephant.
9. You're done! Let any paint or glue dry before playing with your new elephant friend.

