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ELEPHANT CRAFT WITH A MOVEABLE TRUNK!

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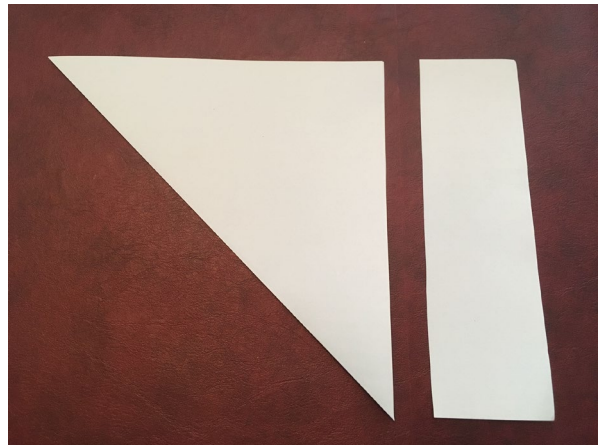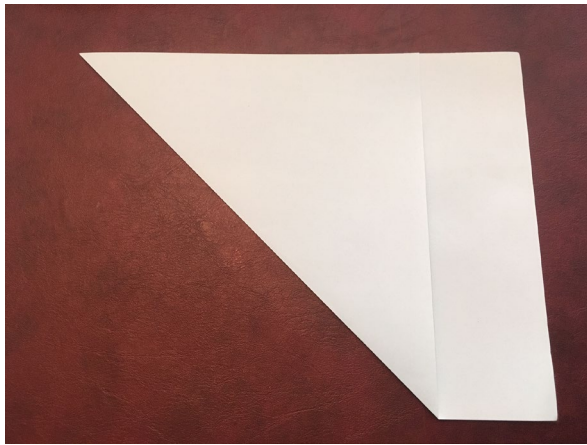
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Materials:

• A sheet of blank paper (plain white or colored)

• Scissors (please ask an adult to help you cut)

• A straw (reuse one from a drink, or make your own with paper!)

• Glue

• Colored pencils, crayons, or markers

• A pen or pencil
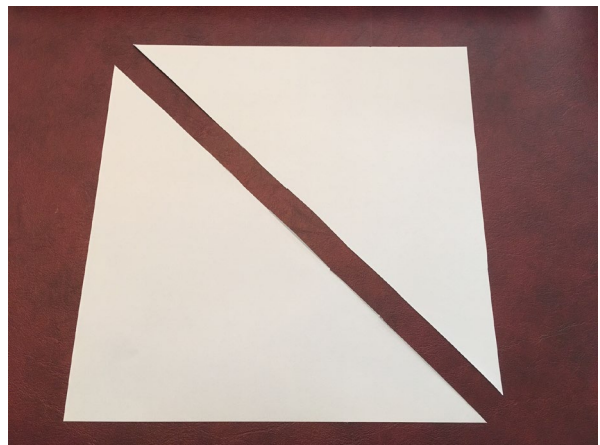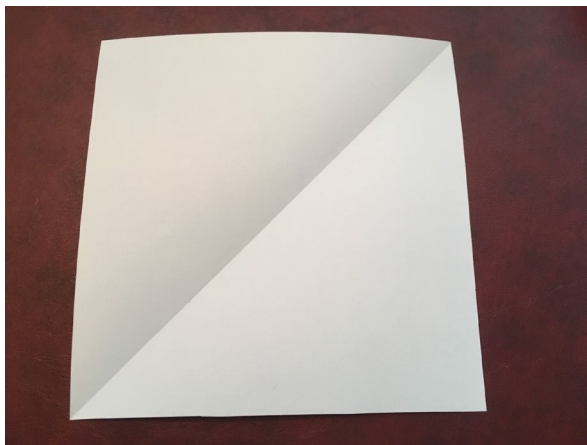

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Instructions:

1. Take your blank sheet of paper and fold the short end over to meet the long edge of the paper. This will leave a strip of paper at the top. Cut off the leftover strip of paper and save it for later – this will become your elephant's trunk!
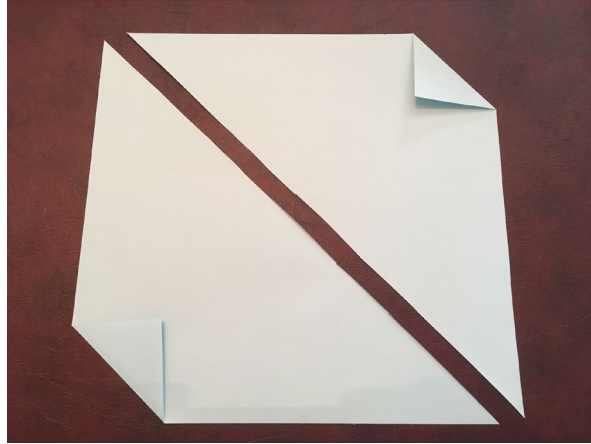

2. Open up the square you just made, and cut along the diagonal fold. This will give you two matching triangles
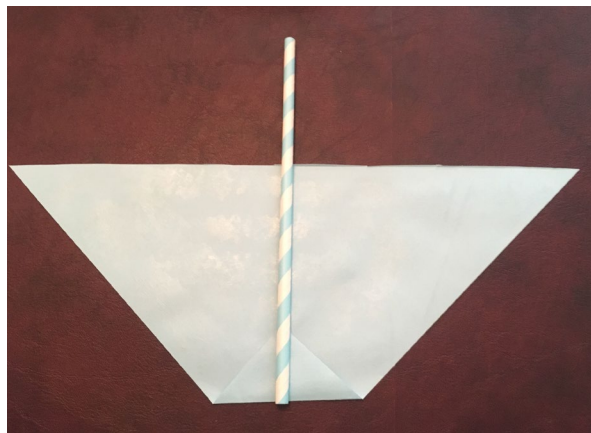
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3. Fold the corners of both triangles in towards the long edge

4. Place one of your triangles with the folded part facing up. Use your glue stick to add glue all around the edges this triangle. Stick your straw onto the paper so that one end sticks out past the long edge of the paper.
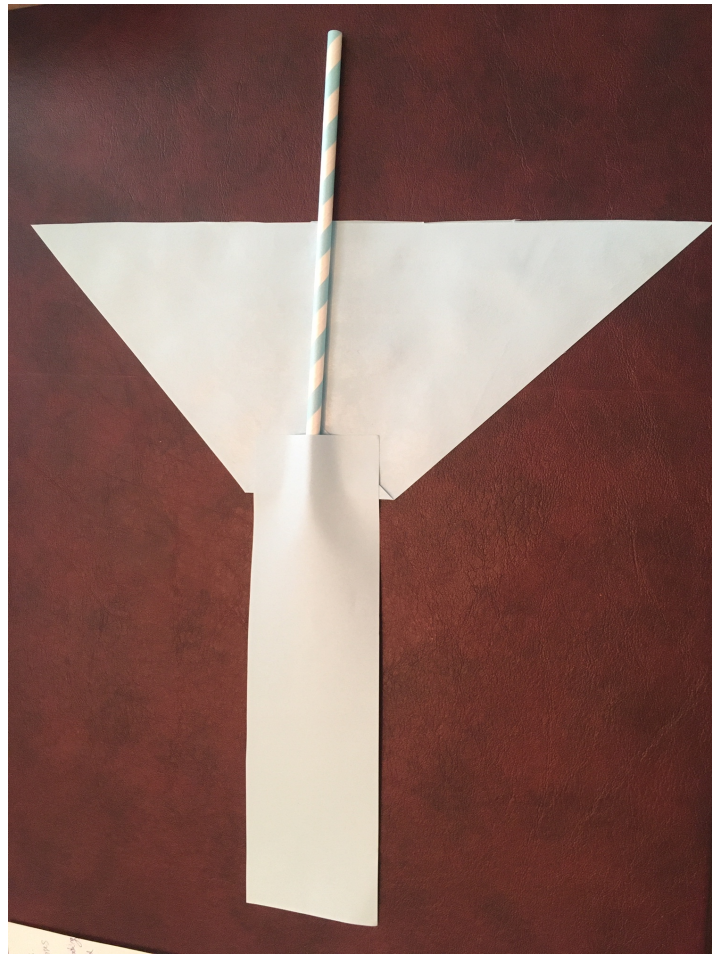

If you don't use straws, that's great and you can still do this craft by making your own! Take a piece of paper, and roll it up tightly around a pen or pencil. Tape the edge down, and add some tape at one end to make a "mouthpiece". This straw won't work in a drink, but it's perfect for this craft!
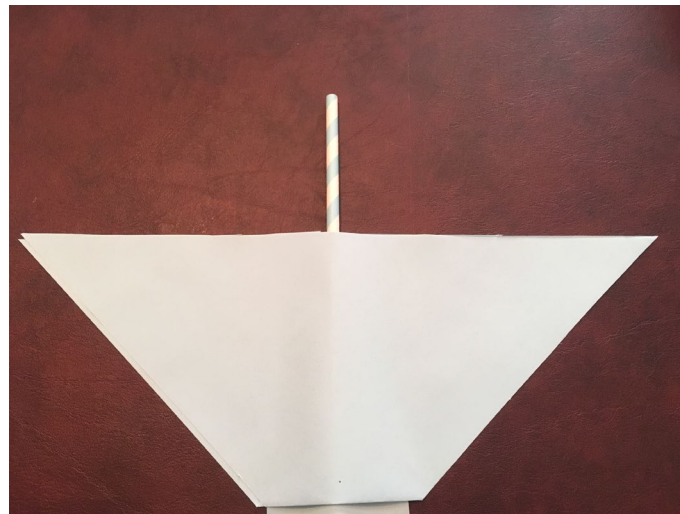

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5. Next, take your strip of extra paper from Step 1, and place one end over the straw. Stick the sides down onto the glue.
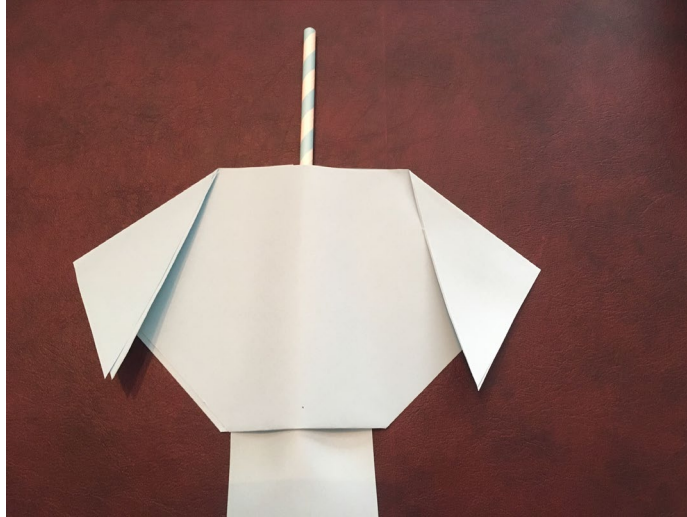
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6. Take your other matching triangle and stick it down over the top of the straw so all the edges line up.
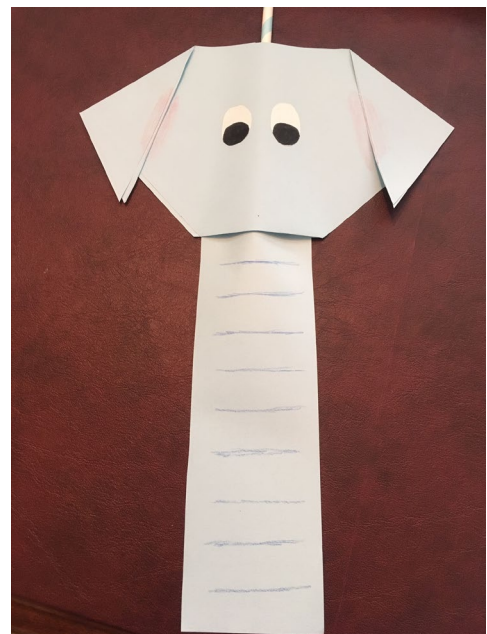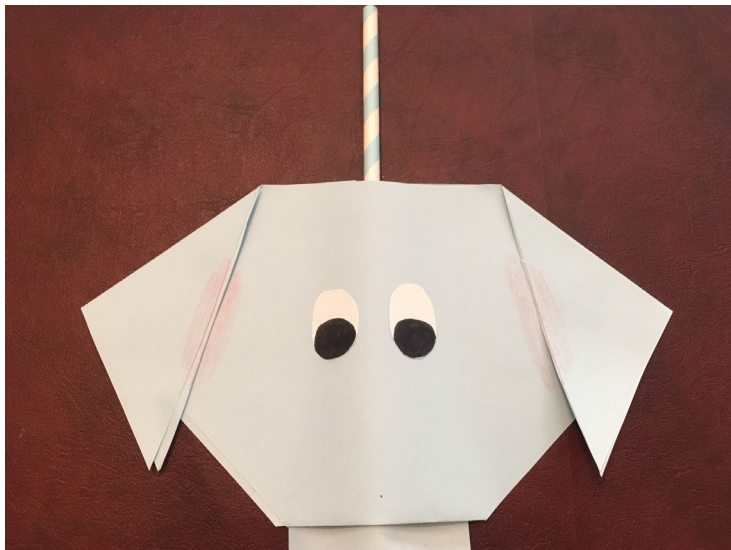
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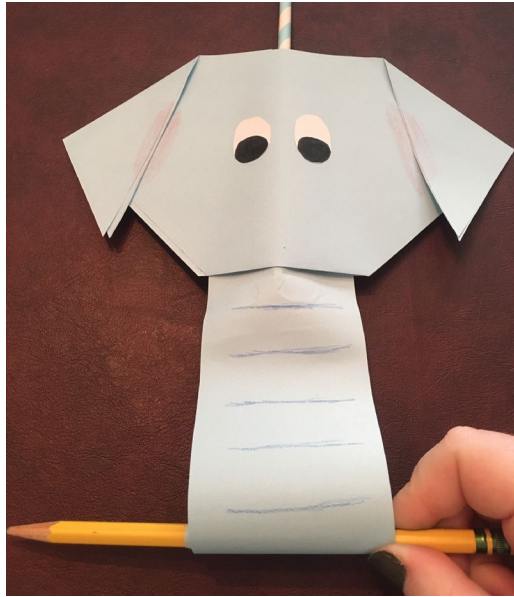7. Fold over the corners of your triangles to make the elephant ears! Add a little glue to stick them down.

8. Add eyes, some color to your elephant ears, and lines down the trunk! If you used plain white paper, color your elephant however you like!

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9. Lastly, roll your elephant trunk tightly around a pen or pencil all the way up to the base of the trunk. Remember to roll UNDER.

All done! To make your elephant trunk move, blow into the straw and watch the trunk unroll!

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