



Milk Bottle Elephants

What will I need?

- A clean empty plastic milk bottle (4 or 6 pints)
- Marker pen
- Scissors
- PVA glue (diluted)
- Small paintbrush
- Different colours of tissue paper torn into pieces

What do I do?

1. Draw your elephant on each side of the milk bottle. If you imagine the handle as a trunk, the top half of the bottle will form its body.



2. Cut out the shape so you're left with something like this...
(children may need to ask an adult for help)
Don't forget to cut a small semi circle out of the middle of each side, so that each corner becomes one of the elephant's legs.



3. Paint some slightly watered-down glue onto part of the elephant, and onto a piece of tissue paper. Stick the paper onto the elephant and smooth it down with the brush.





4. Keep going until the whole of the elephant is covered, then leave to dry for a couple of hours.
5. Draw on some eyes and a smile. You could always create some accessories, like a fancy hat.
6. Ta dah! Time to name your elephant. Don't forget to take a photo and share it on social media, tagging Colchester Museums on facebook or @Colmuseums on Twitter.



Why not...

*make a whole family of elephants
using different size bottles?*