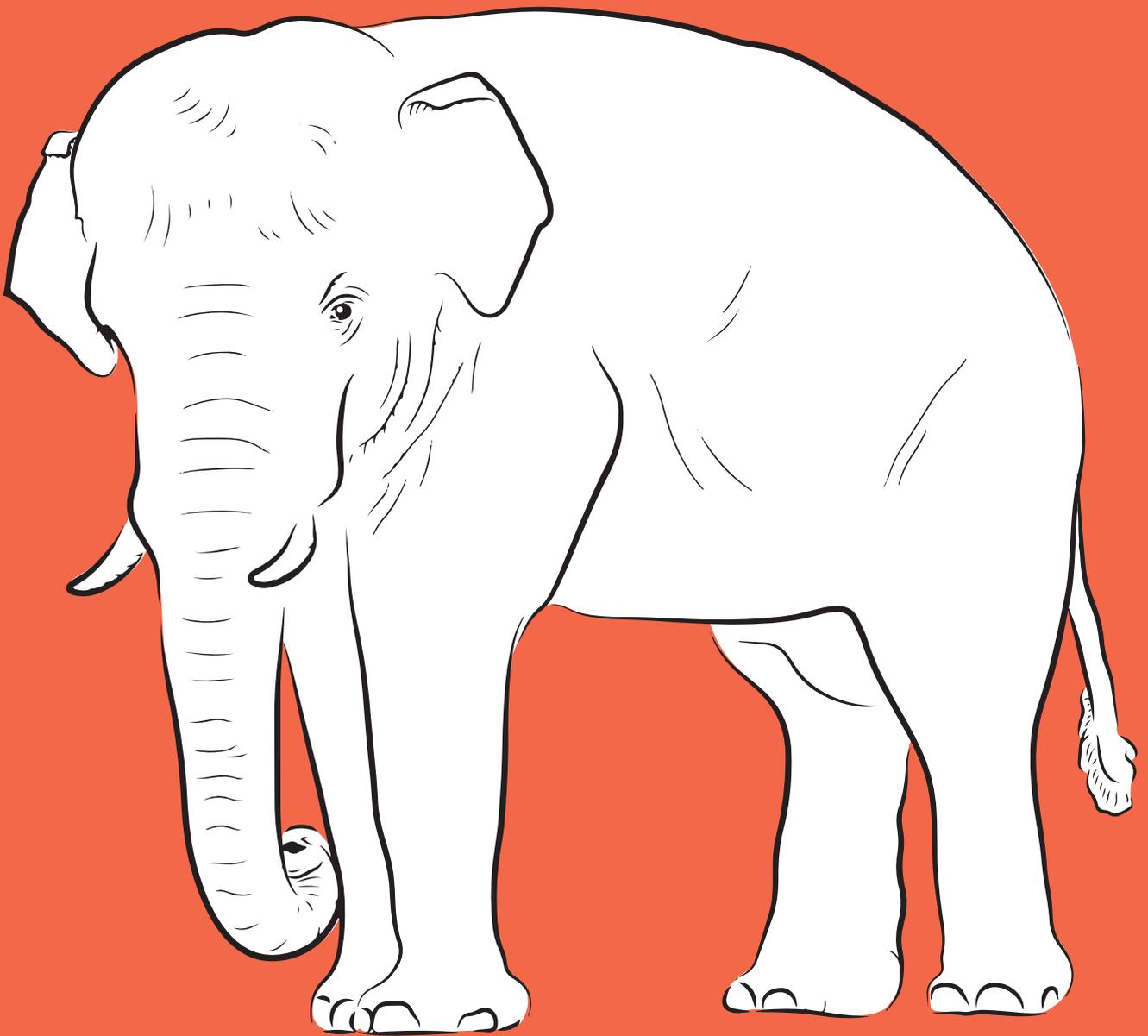


# Auckland Zoo ▶ Education Pack ◀

**ECE**



**Theme: Elephants**

# Zoo Lesson plan

**Theme:** Early Childhood (Ages 0-4 years) - ELEPHANTS

**What will I learn:** Why elephants have wrinkly skin, the names of elephant body parts.

## Inspire

Watch our ZooTales videos and use our animal pages to find out more about our elephants at Auckland Zoo.

- Read a story with our elephants:  
– [“We are all Equal”](#)
- Watch this ZooTales video to meet our elephants at Auckland Zoo:  
– [Anjalee and Burma](#)

## Create

Use the template to decorate your elephant:  
– **Decorate your elephant**

Create a labeled elephant and know the names of each body part:  
– **Elephant – Names of body parts**

All resources listed above are attached to this pack.

## Explore

### Go outside!

Use the Decorate your elephant sheet and find a wrinkled surface, concrete or bark. Take a rubbing to give your elephant wrinkled skin.

Did you know elephants can't sweat so the wrinkles help to hold water to cool them down?

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## Reflect

An elephant's trunk is actually a long nose with many functions. It is used for smelling, breathing, trumpeting, drinking, and grabbing things - especially a potential meal.

The trunk alone contains about 100,000 different muscles. Asian elephants have a finger-like feature on the end of their trunk that they can use to grab small items.

Place some items on the floor and make your arm into an Elephants trunk, how many things can you pick up?

- Make it harder by picking up smaller things or putting a sock over your hand!

## Act

Use things from garden to decorate your elephant, or old things around the house empty boxes, old buttons, leaves, twigs, bottle tops, for example.

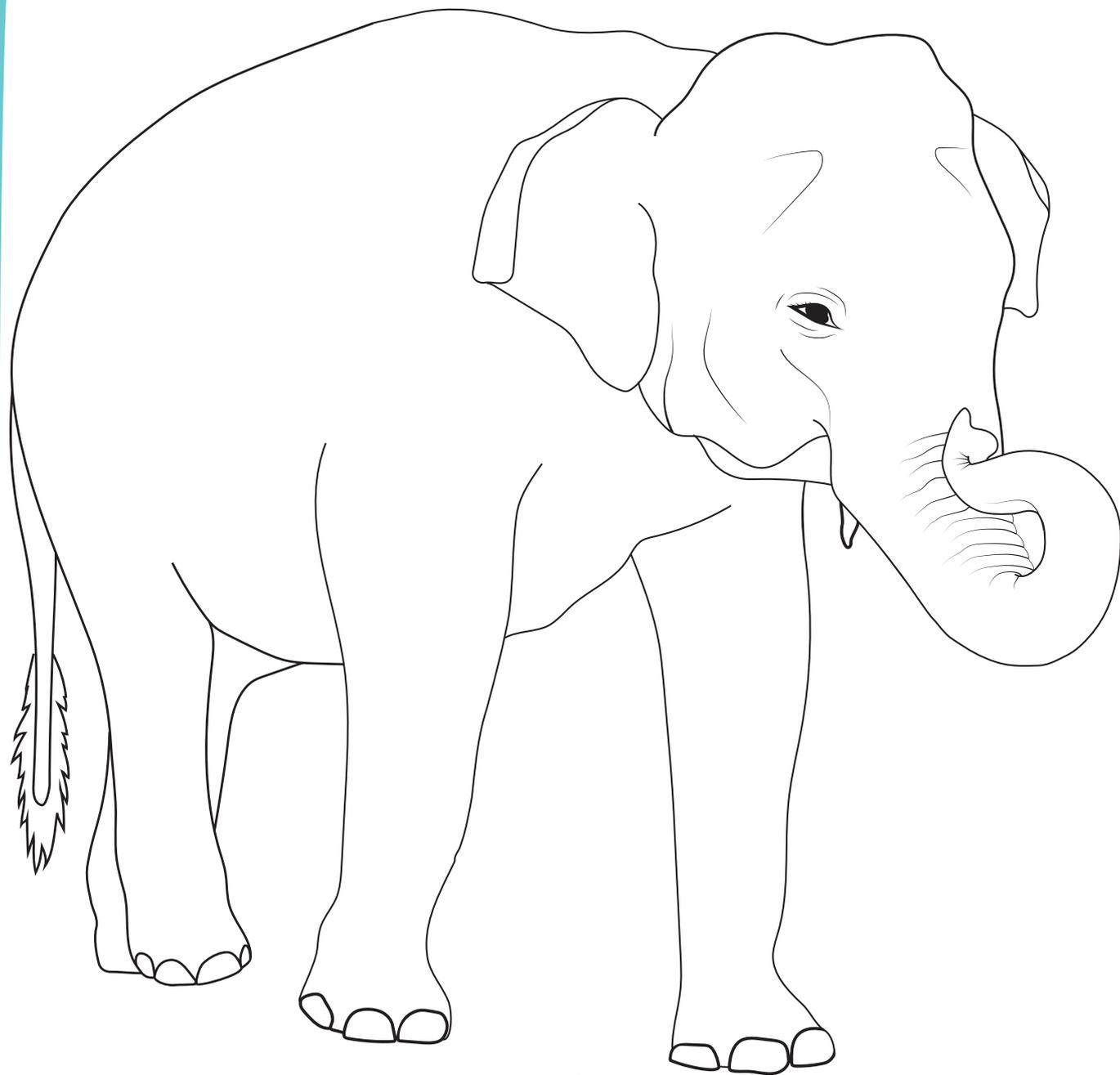
**Curriculum links:**

All lessons include aspects of the main strands of Te Whāriki the early childhood curriculum

WELLBEING | MANA ATUA, BELONGING | MANA WHENUA, CONTRIBUTION | MANA TANGATA, COMMUNICATION | MANA REO, EXPLORATION | MANA AOTUROA

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# Decorate your elephant!



**Did you know elephants can't sweat?  
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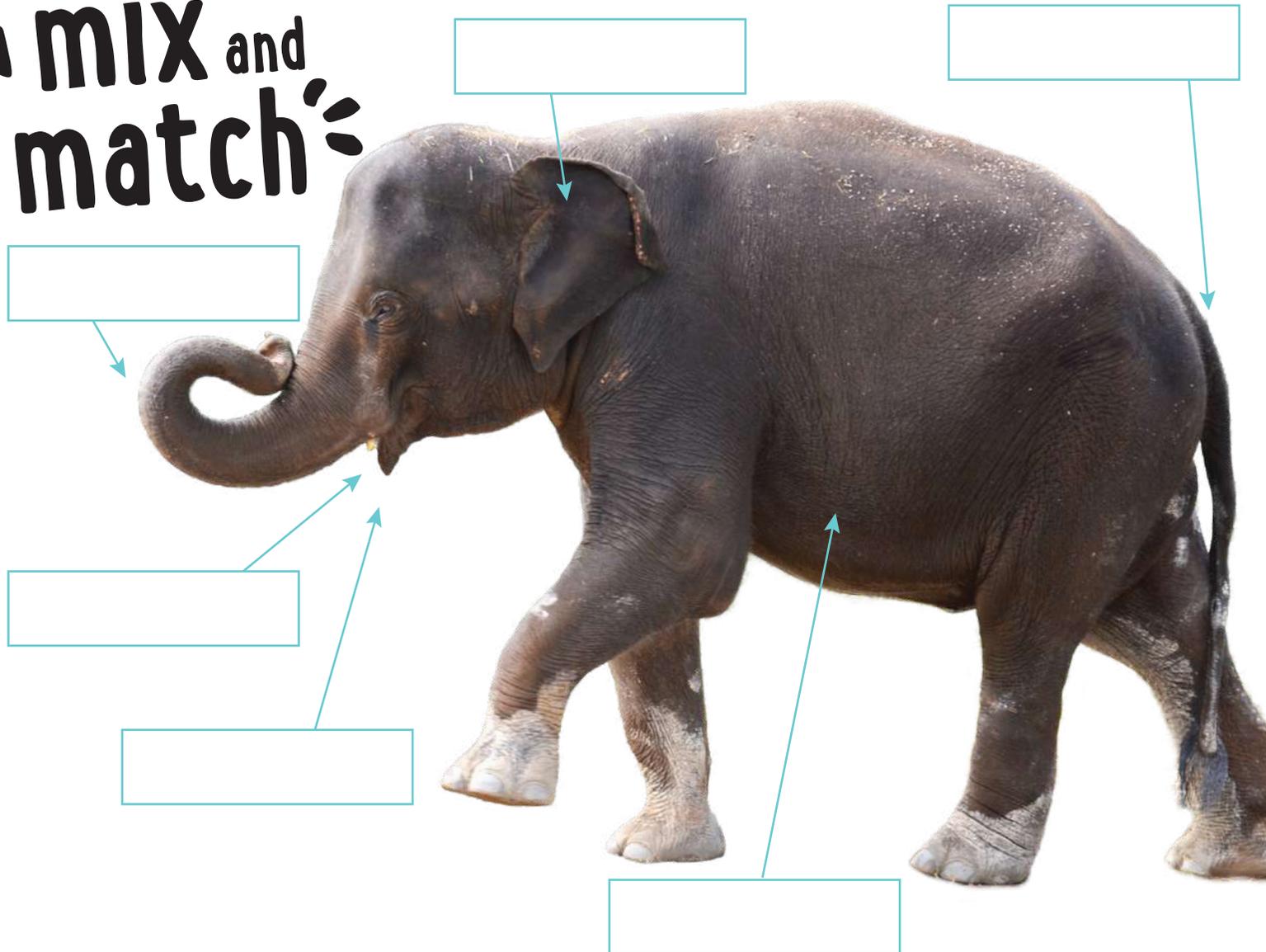
Using this template, find a wrinkled surface (e.g. concrete or bark) and take a rubbing to give your elephant wrinkled skin.

Use things from the garden (like leaves and twigs) or old things from around the house (such as empty boxes, old buttons or bottle tops) to decorate your elephant.

# Elephant

◀ mix and match ▶

Can you name the parts of an elephant?  
Cut out the words and match them to the body part of the elephant.



## Be an expert!

The 'tusks' of female Asian elephants are actually called TUSHES. They are like small tusks but are brittle and break more easily than a tusk.

tusk

ear

tail

skin

trunk

mouth