Activity: Autograph Elephant

Materials:
1/3 yard firmly woven fabric in a solid color
matching thread
package polyester batting
10 inches 1/4 “- 1/2” wide ribbon or cord for tail
1/4” diameter buttons for eyes

Sewing Tools:
sewing machine, shears, fabric marking chalk or pen,
straight pins, hand sewing needle, stuffing tool

Directions: (Enlarge pattern as needed.)
1. Pin elephant pattern to fabric, following grain lines. Cut 2 of the elephant body and
4 ears. Transfer markings to fabric.
2. With right sides together and raw edges even, stitch two ear sections together with
1/4” seams. Leave open at top between the large O’s. Clip curves, carefully. Do
not cut stitching. Press.
4. To make the pleat, fold along the solid line and bring the folded edge to the broken
line. Baste across pleat.
5. Repeat for second ear, forming pleat to create a right ear and a left ear.
6. On right side of the elephant body, place one ear between large O’s on top. Baste
in place. For tail, fold the 10” piece of ribbon or cord in half. Baste the tail to the
elephant at the O marking, with the raw edges together.
7. Attach the second ear to the other body half in the same way.
8. With the right sides together, place the two body sections together, having raw
edges even. Pin. Stitch using a 1/4” seam allowance. Leave opening between
small o’s for turning and stuffing. Carefully clip curves and corners of the elephant
legs, without cutting stitching line.
9. Turn right side out and stuff elephant
firmly through the opening. Use a
stuffing tool to get the stuffing into the
smaller areas, such as the trunk and
legs.
10. Hand stitch opening closed using a
hidden stitch. Tie a knot in the end of
the tail. Sew a button at the marking
on each side for the eyes. The eyes
could be satin stitched with
embroidery floss.
11. Start collecting your friend’s autographs using a permanent marker fine tip pen.