

# Theater Mär

## Elmer-The Patchwork Elephant (englische Fassung)

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Male:

Today we will tell you the story of Elmer, the patchwork elephant.

Female:

There was once a herd of elephants...

M:

Young elephants, old elephants, thin eleph...

All elephants in our herd are happy and all have the same elephant colour.  
All, that is, except Elmer.

Elmer was not elephant colour. Elmer was patchwork. Elmer was yellow and orange and red and pink and purple and blue and green and black and white.

Elmer-Song-1

I don't know. I don't want to be different any more. Who's ever heard of a patchwork elephant? No wonder they laugh at me.

In the morning before the others were really awake, Elmer slipped quietly away, unnoticed.

F:

As he walked through the jungle, Elmer met many other animals.

M:

"I'm as hungry as a lion! Good morning, Elmer."  
Elmer smiled and said: "Good morning, lion"

M+F:

"Good morning, Elmer."  
Elmer smiled and said: "Good morning, giraffe"

M:

"Good morning, Elmer."

M:

Elmer smiled and said: "Good morning, hippopotamus"

F:

"Good morning, Elmer."

M:

Elmer smiled and said: "Good morning, land turtle"

F:  
"Good morning, Elmer."

M:  
Elmer smiled and said: "Good morning, tiger"

M+F:  
"Good morning, Elmer."

M:  
Elmer smiled and said: "Good morning, crocodile"

"Blub"  
and Elmer smiled.

F und M (zebras):  
"Good morning, Elmer."

M:  
And Elmer: "Good morning, zebras"

F:  
"Good morning, Elmer."

M:  
Elmer smiled and said: "Good morning, flea"

F:  
Elmer walked and walked and walked. After a long walk he found what he was looking for: a large bush. A large bush full of berries, a large bush covered with elephant-coloured berries.

He rubbed himself all over, covering himself with berry juice.

Here you are.

M:  
Thank you!

(F:  
You're welcome.)

M:  
Here you are.

F:  
Thank you!

M:  
You're welcome.  
F:

And finally there wasn't a sign of any yellow, or orange, or red, or pink, or purple, or blue, or green, or black, or white.

M:  
Ssh-Song-2

F  
Good morning, elephant.

M:  
Good morning, lion.

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F:  
Then Elmar returned to his herd. All the elephants were standing quietly and taking their afternoon sleep.

M:  
I have an idea. I'll give them a shock – Boooooo!!!

F:  
Elmer, that must be Elmer.

M:  
A rain cloud formed. Heavy rain fell on the earth. And with the rain, Elmar was washed back to patchwork. There was the yellow and orange and red and pink and purple and blue and green and black and white.

F:  
From now on, we will celebrate this day every year. This will be Elmer's Day. All the elephants will paint themselves with different colours. Elmer will paint himself elephant colour and there'll be a big parade.

M:  
That is, if you happen to see an elephant with an ordinary elephant colour, you will know it must be Elmer.

## elmer song 1

1.verse: Elmer the elephant  
is a splash of colour in elephant land  
Elmer's got nothing to do  
but making fun with you and you and you

2.verse: Elmer the elephant  
is famous - in all of forest land.  
He's the king of popularity:  
"Hey Elmer! Play with me!  
with me! with me! with me! with me!"

chorus 2x: We - want - Elmer  
the patchwork elephant who likes to dance  
cos sometimes it's so boring  
with mummy daddy granny grandad  
brother sister uncle and the aunts!

## shh-song elmer 2

1.

I am *Shh! Shh!* the elephant

A splash of grey in elephant land

*Shh! Shh!* 's got nothing to do

but being really grey like you!

2.

*Shh! Shh!* the elephant

is unknown - in all of forest land!

No longer the king of popularity!

Just grey - - like you and me!