

# Zoo Time!!!



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project pack – toddlers and preschoolers

Take on the role of a zookeeper and/or visitor and discover the zoo world around you from creating a pretend zoo, to creating an animal artwork, to building a zoo small world, to drawing animals and making a book and looking to find zoo animals. This pack is part of a growing bundle of Project Packs. I created this resource for the members of the celebratePLAY community as a tool to support them with daily PLAY in their homes.

In this resource you will find:

- 1 x Dramatic PLAY Idea
  - 1 x Craft Idea
- 1 x Small World Idea
  - 1 x Art Idea
- 1 x Fine Motor Idea
- A series of printable resources from walls that teach displays (word wall) to table learning resources to exploring dramatic play when going on a scavenger hunt.
  - A weekly PLAY Planner to plan out the week using these resources.

Our PLAY ideas in this pack are nothing new, they are simple, quick and easy play ideas to boost imagination, creativity, Language and Literacy and explore the world around us while nurturing the flow of PLAY (by having a project to investigate over time).

I hope this resource is helpful when boosting daily play and nurturing the flow of PLAY in your home.

*luv xx*

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*about erin*

Hi there!! I'm Erin, teacher (EC and Primary), Mum (of 2), wife, smoothie obsessed, organisational nerd and soon to be your greatest PLAYmate...the one that will share:

- play ideas with you
- the one that will support you in creating play systems and play spaces that fit YOUR life
- the playmate that will celebrate the PLAY wins with YOU and
- the one that will empower YOU to totally rock this motherhood PLAY gig thing - it's a REAL \*thing\*<sup>♥</sup>.

*play notes*

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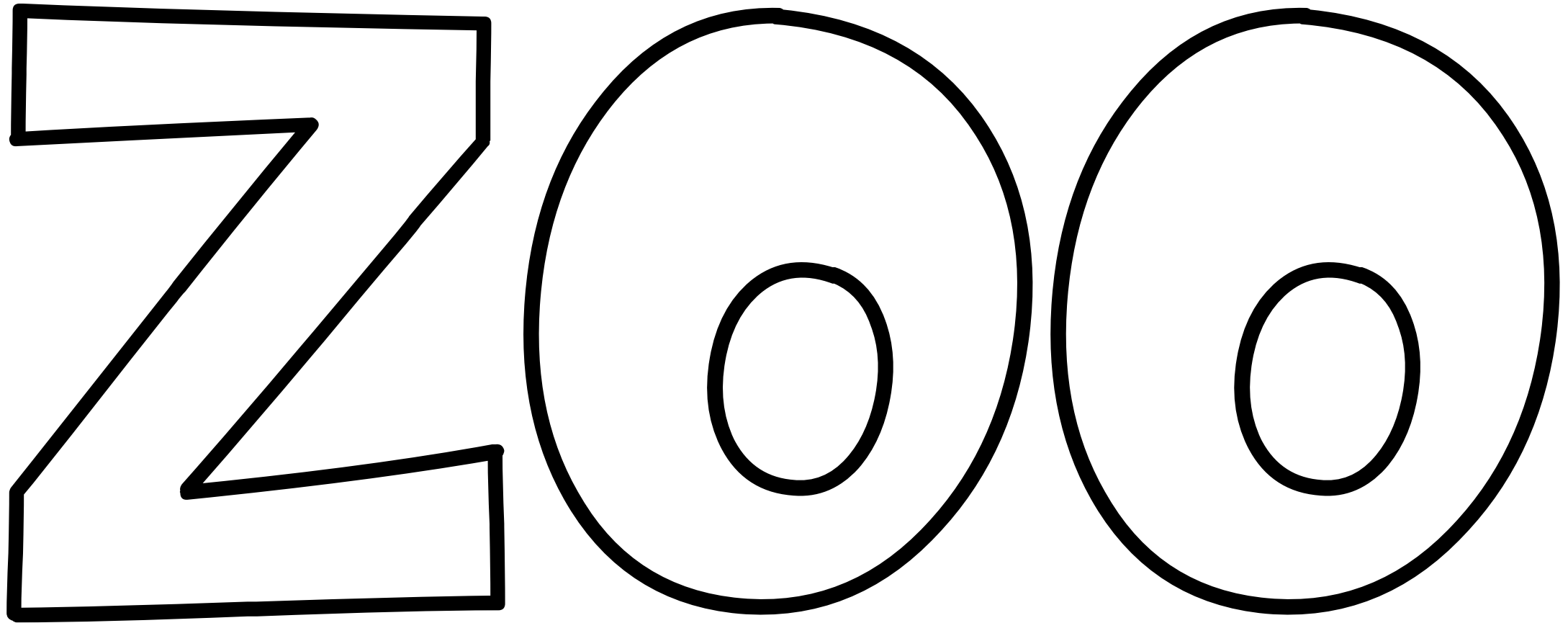
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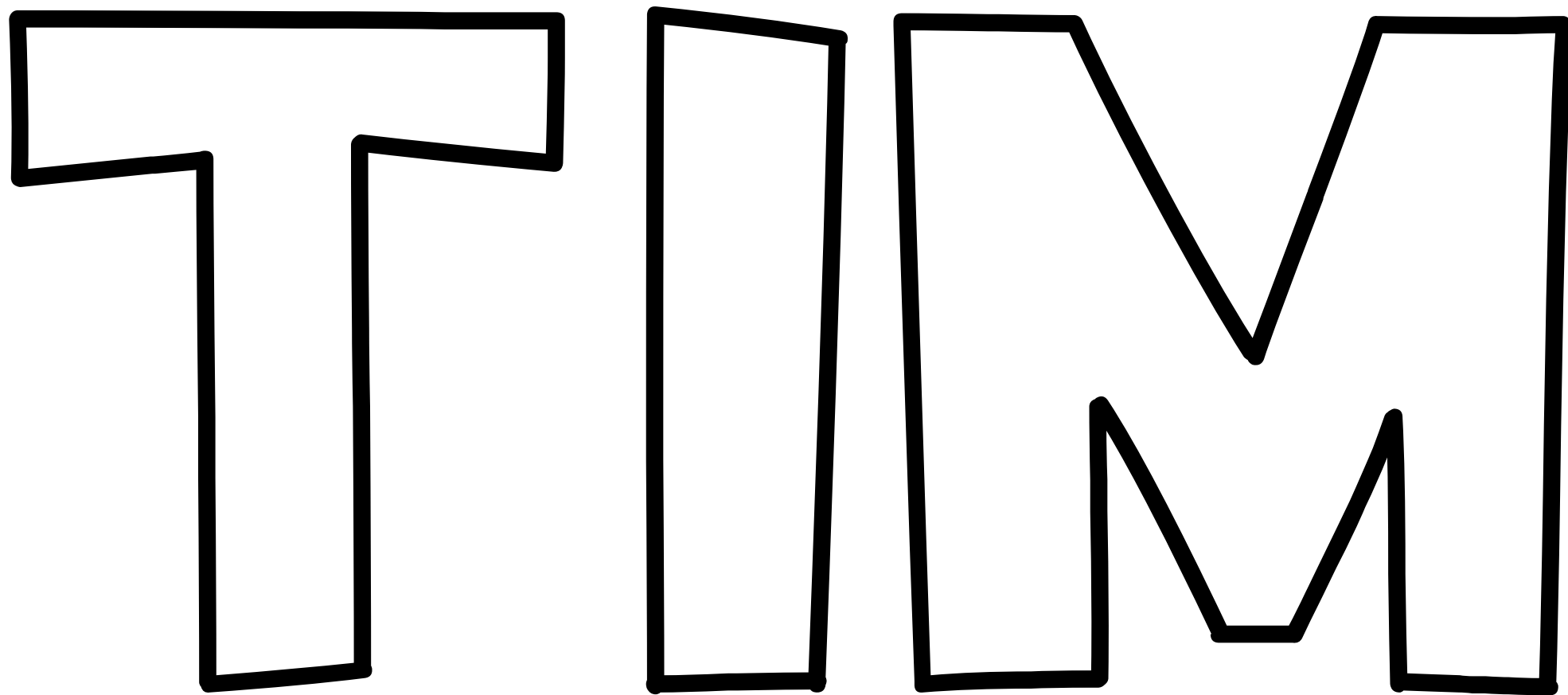
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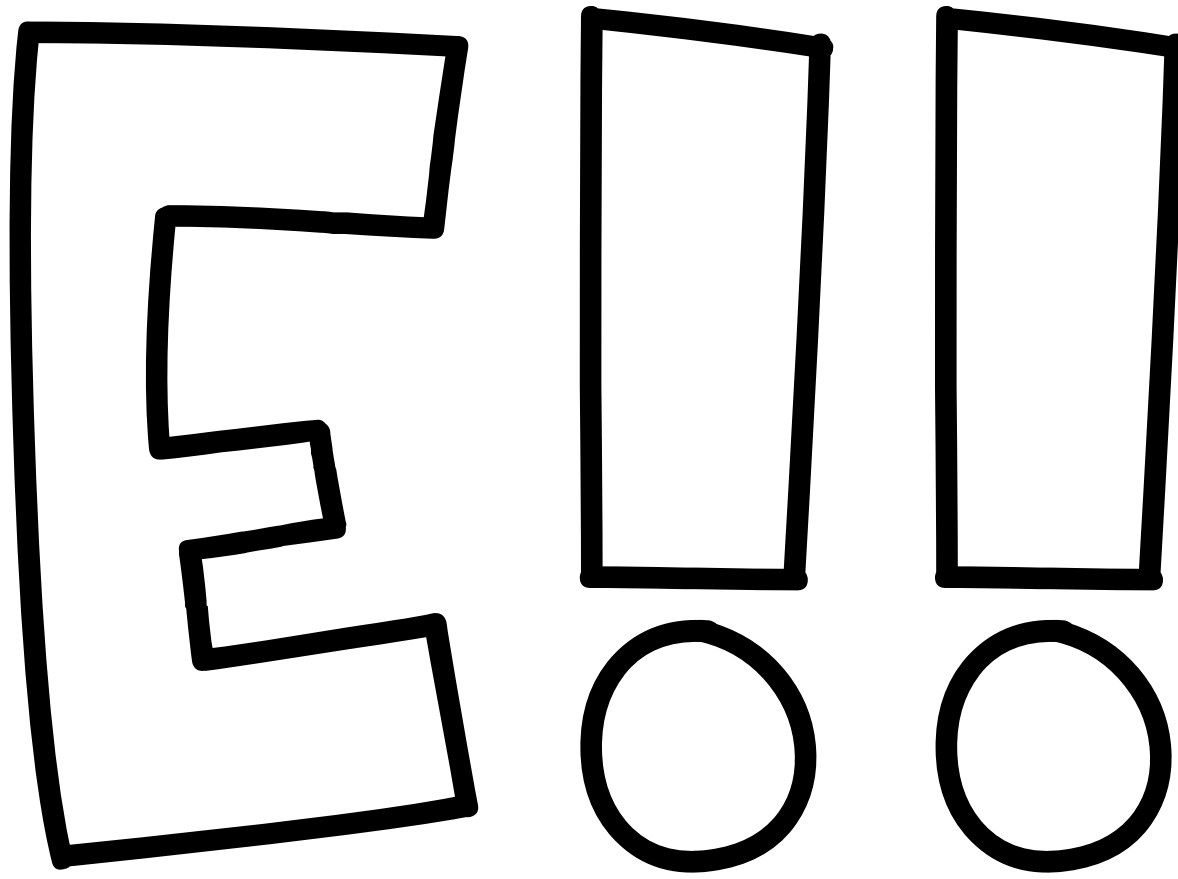




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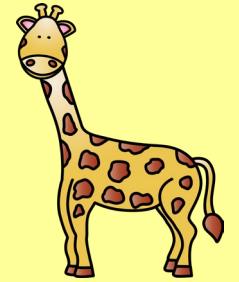
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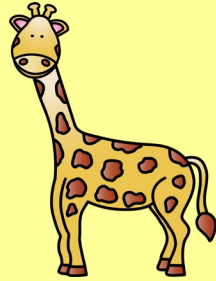
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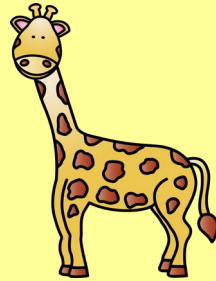
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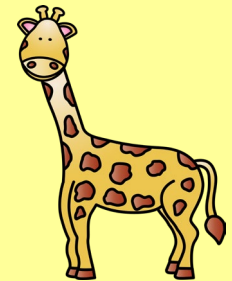
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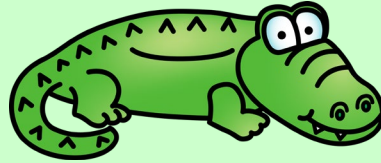


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## Zoo Time Word Cards

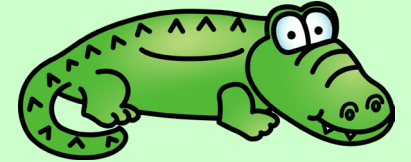
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feeding time



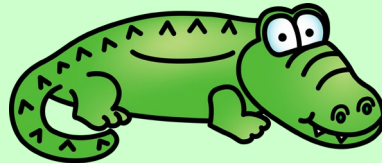
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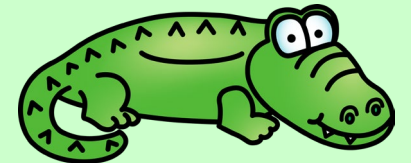
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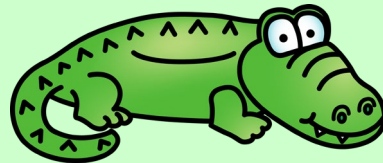
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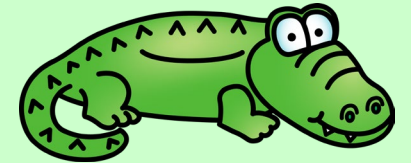
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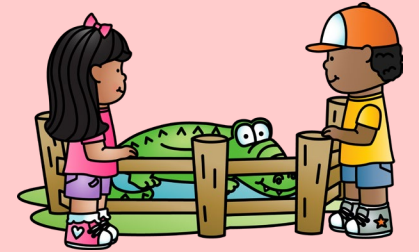


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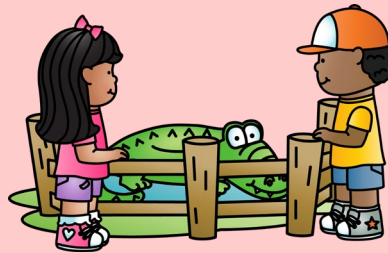
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water



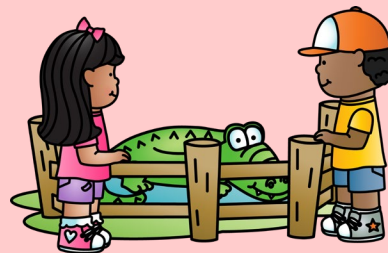
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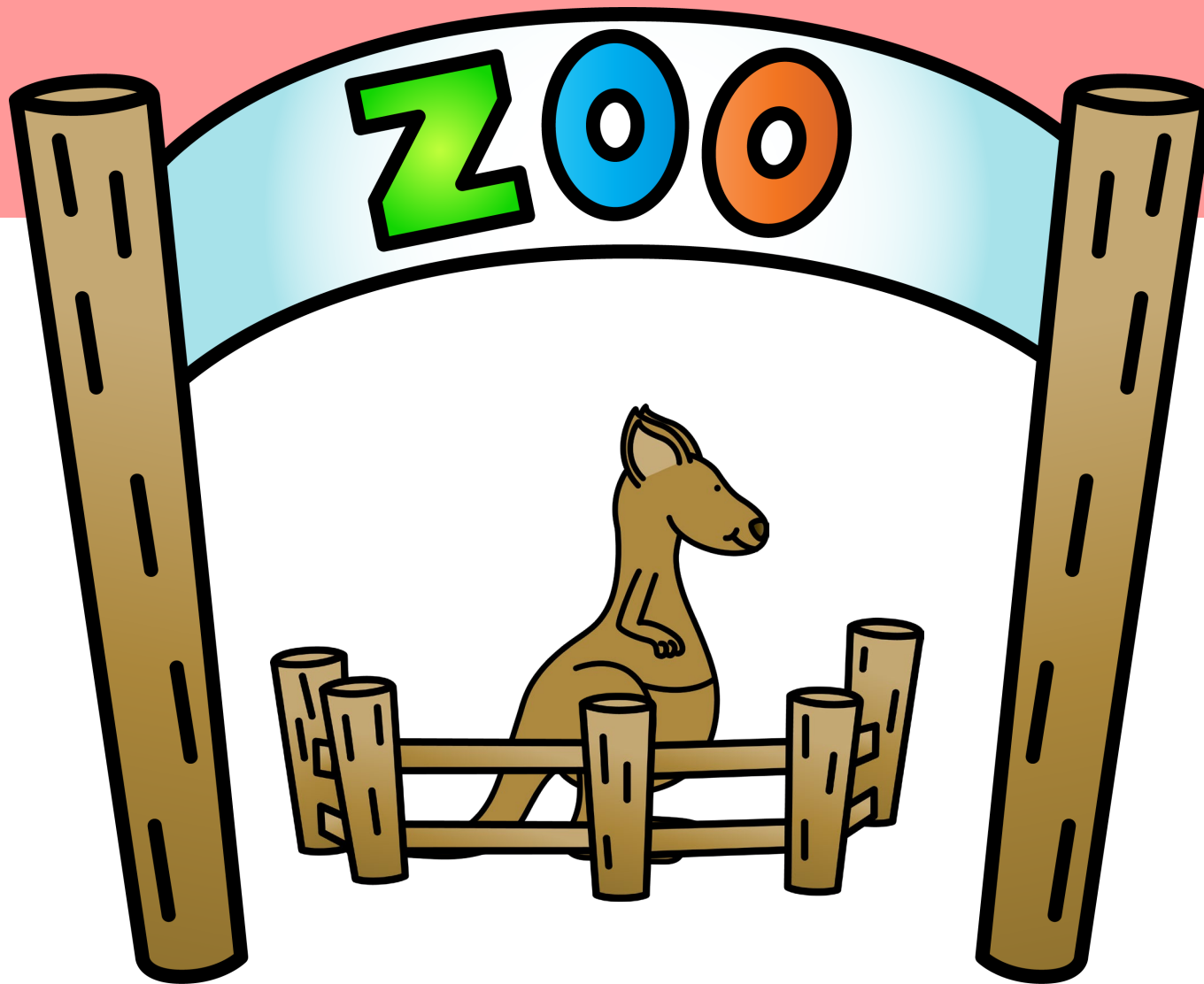


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## Zoo Time Word Cards

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# Zoo Time #1



You will need:

- Soft Toys (animals)
- Cardboard boxes or cardboard DIY fences
  - Toy Kitchen
  - Tickets
- Food Bowls with pretend food

## METHOD

1. Set up the toy kitchen with Zoo Time banner.
2. Set up the soft toy in pretend enclosures as if they are attending a tea party.
3. Add word cards to display on zoo walls or on the ticket table.
4. Take on the role as zookeeper and feed the animals.
5. Place the food onto their plates.
6. Take photos as a keepsake!
7. OPTIONAL – Take on the role as the ticket collector too.

**Dramatic PLAY Centre Idea**

You will need:

- Lion Template
- Crepe paper or alternative
  - Glue
  - Scissors
  - Markers

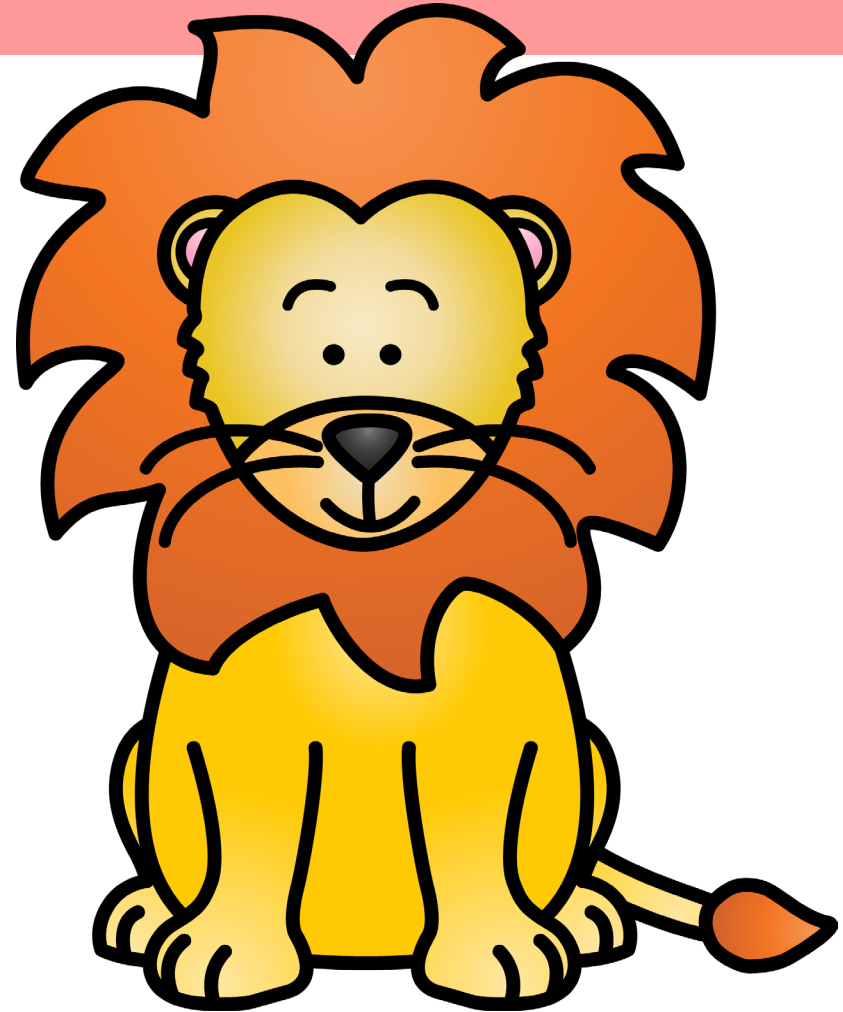
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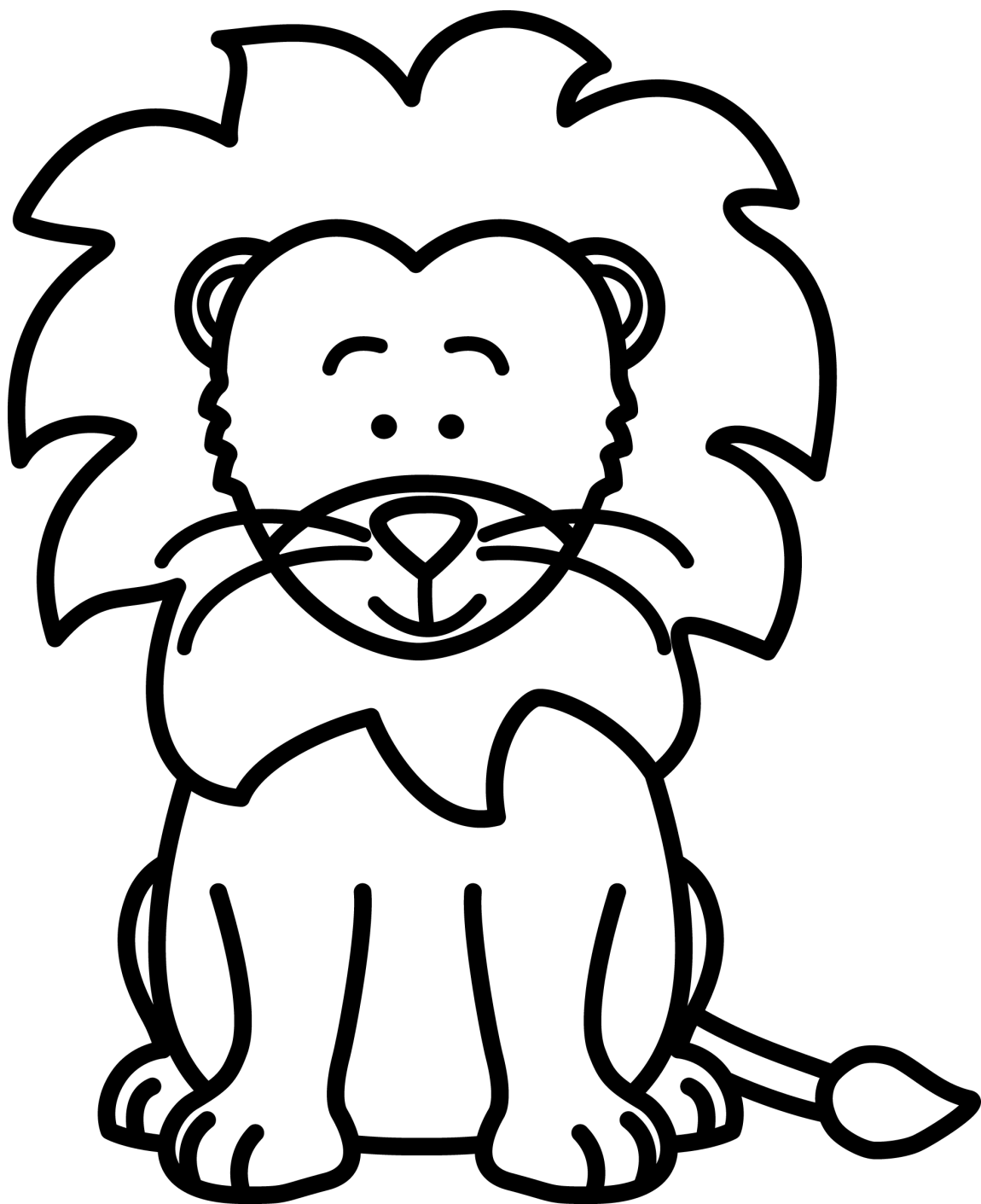
1. Print the lion template from the next page.
2. Cut up crepe paper into squares using various colours. If you don't have crepe paper, other items such as tissue paper, newspaper, magazines can all be used instead.
3. Roll up the squares to make balls.
4. Paste the balls onto the lion template until it is covered.

MODIFICATION IDEA – colour some of the lion with a marker and collage the rest.

# Zoo Time #2

## Craft Idea

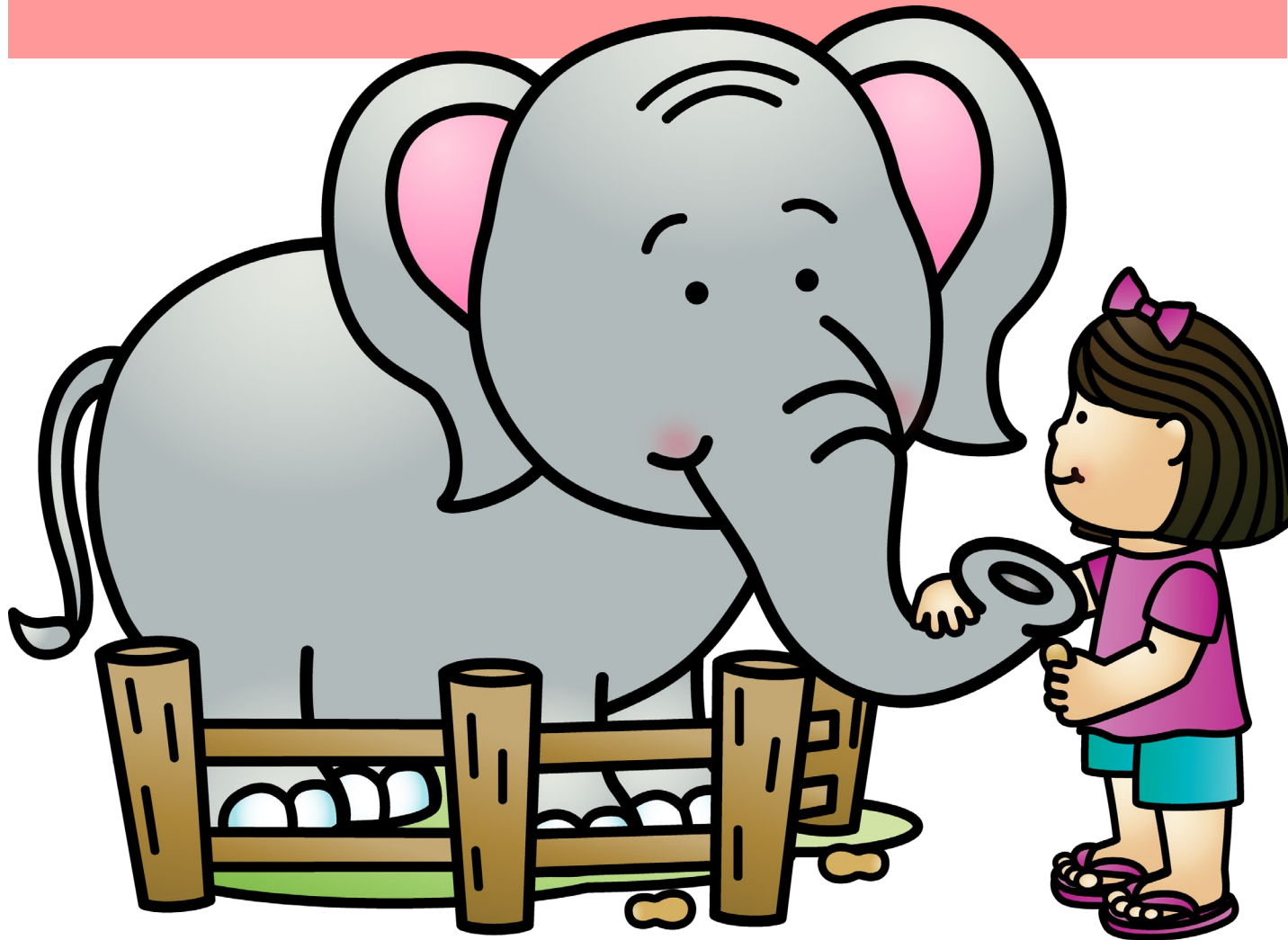




Print onto cardstock and collage using various craft supplies eg, crepe paper, tissue paper, magazine pages or newspaper.

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## A Small World PLAY Invitation



You will need:

- A tub or tray
- Sensory Base eg. playdough or soup beans
- Landscape pieces
- Dear Zoo picture book
- Animal figurines

### METHOD

1. Place the sensory base in the base of the tray or tub.
2. Set animal figurines and landscape pieces in the tray or tub.
3. Read the book and place it on display with the small world, so it can be accessed during play.
4. OPTIONAL – Add scoops and containers
5. Enjoy!!



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## An Art Idea

You will need:

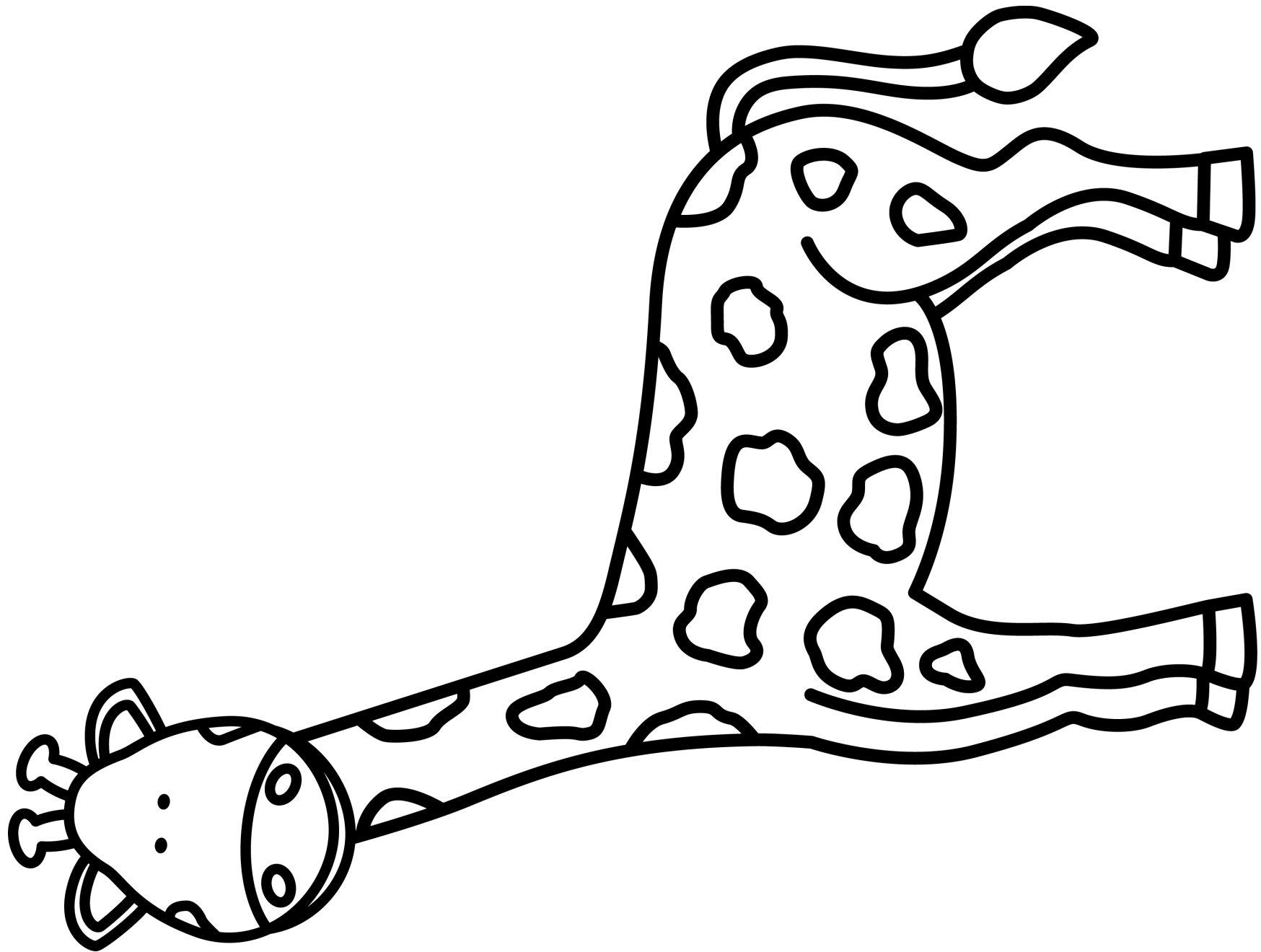
- Giraffe template (next slide)
- Dot paint stampers

### METHOD

1. Colour the parts of the giraffe that you prefer to have coloured.
2. Paint the dot stampers on the giraffe's spots.
3. Let it dry and hang up in the Zoo Dramatic Play Centre.

EXTENSION IDEA – Colour spots with oil pastels and watercolour paint the rest of the giraffe's body.







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Fine Motor PLAY Idea

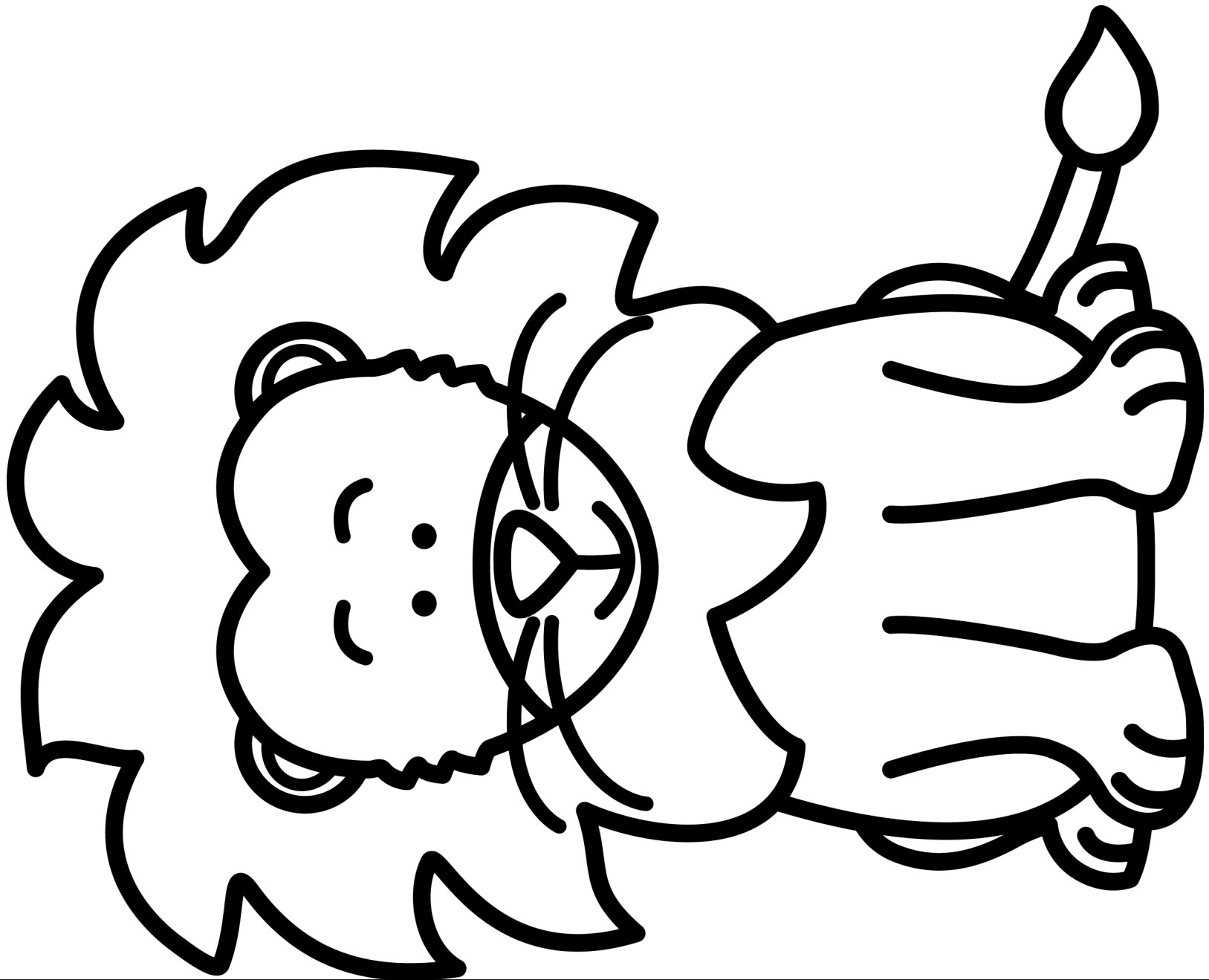


You will need:

- Lion template
- Coloured paper strips
  - Pencils
  - Glue
  - Scissors

## METHOD

1. Colour and cut out the lion template.
2. Cut the coloured paper into strips.
3. Roll the strips around a pencil to curl it.
4. Glue the strips around the mane of the lion's face .
5. Let the mane dry and hang the art up in the dramatic play centre.





# Tea Party Time

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