



## A JUNGLE ADVENTURE IS AS CLOSE AS YOUR COFFEE TABLE

When you're snowed in and stuck inside the house, a tropical jungle adventure can feel millions of miles away. Fortunately, you've arrived at "Solution Street" ... where imagination is the answer! In the Jungle Adventure printable tool kit, you'll find directions for turning a day stuck indoors into a tropical adventure filled with fun, creative crafts like our Bottle Cap and Paper Snakes, and a scrumptious recipe for gooey Banana Boats. And for even more tips for triumphing over tedium, be sure to visit [FamilyFun.com](http://FamilyFun.com) for additional crafts, recipes, and tips your family will never forget.

### SET THE SCENE FOR YOUR JUNGLE ADVENTURE

In the following pages, you'll find easy-to-follow crafts and recipes for creating your own Jungle Adventure at home. But before you get started, why not take a few moments to set the scene to a tropical escape using items you already have available in your home? Why? Setting the scene will help enhance the mood by igniting your imagination! It'll also allow you to involve every one of the creative adventurers no matter how big or small they may be. Here are some scene-enhancing tips:

#### SCENE-SETTING TIP #1

Do you have any camouflaged clothing in your dresser or closet? Pull them out and put them on! And remember, no hat is too silly for the jungle.

#### SCENE-SETTING TIP #2

Bring all your easy-to-move houseplants into the living room and create your own mini version of the Amazon.

#### SCENE-SETTING TIP #3

Gather up cushions from your sofa or living room chairs and arrange them on the floor to create a jungle ferryboat. Open an umbrella and use it as the boat's canopy. A spaghetti strainer can serve as the boat's steering wheel.

#### SCENE-SETTING TIP #4

Do you have any oversized boxes nearby? Arrange them into an ancient tomb or mysterious cave where adventure awaits.



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#### SCENE-SETTING TIP #5

Grab your camera and keep it close so you can capture every moment.

#### BRING YOUR JUNGLE ADVENTURE TO LIFE!

Now that you've set the scene and printed out the crafts and recipes, it's time to enter the jungle. For this adventure, you and your family will be a team of archaeologists traveling down river in search of a lost city of gold. Below are step-by-step details for creating this experience. Follow the instructions as written, or go on an adventure of your own choosing. Use these instructions as a launching point, and let your imagination be your guide.

#### STEP #1

**Pick your jungle.** Are you in the Amazon? Are you in Costa Rica? Botswana? The choice is yours. You can even make up your own jungle!

#### STEP 2

**Make "Bottle Cap" and "Paper" snakes.** Follow the directions in this toolkit to create craft versions of precious pythons, amazing anacondas and beautiful boas. All you'll need are bottle caps, colored paper, and a little bit of time.

#### STEP 3

**Don't forget the "Forget-Me-Not Elephants."** Did you know elephants are known for their high intelligence and terrific memory? Add to your jungle menagerie by creating miniature folded paper pachyderms. These origami elephants can be any color, and just follow our easy step-by-step instructions.

#### STEP 4

**Construct a "Lost City of Gold."** Gather up cardboard boxes to create the "Lost City of Gold." Use markers, glitter, and other crafts to "antique" the structure and make it look like something out of your favorite adventure movie.



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#### STEP #5

**Don't rock the "Banana Boats."** After creating all those crafts, your stomach should be roaring! Follow our recipe and make Banana Boats. Your entire family can devour this gooey, chewy delight and get all the energy needed for your adventure.

#### STEP #6

**Hide the animals.** Hide the snakes or elephants you've just created around the room while your junior archaeologists keep their eyes closed. You can even write secret messages and hide them inside the snakes and elephants.

#### STEP #7

**Let the adventure begin.** It's time for you and the rest of your party to climb into the "ferryboat" and head down the river. Along the way, you can stop and have your team "go on land" to search for the snakes and elephants you've hidden.

#### STEP #8

**Cross a creaky bridge to gather up ancient artifacts.** Along the way, pull the boat over and have your search party cross a creaky bridge (i.e. string laid out across the floor) to gather up ancient, priceless artifacts. Picture frames, candleholders, and other fun household objects will do the trick.

#### STEP #9

**Set up camp and take a break.** The tropical sun can be brutal. Feel free to "set up camp on land" inside your camping tent and take a break. Each person can take a moment to recount his or her most daring jungle or safari adventure. If you don't have a tent, blankets or sheets can be draped over chairs to achieve the same effect.



#### STEP #10

**Find the ancient treasure.** What's that in the distance? It's the "Lost City of Gold!" Your entire team can disembark from the boat to take a closer look. Pull open one of the cobweb-covered doors (i.e. a flap of cardboard with sewing thread pasted on it) and discover the most incredible treasure imaginable! Old sport trophies, beads, costume jewelry, and other shiny objects will work perfectly.

These are just some suggestions to get you and family started on your jungle adventure. Take the experience to the next level by adding in your favorite Hasbro Family Game Night game like Giraffalaff Limbo. You can incorporate the game into the adventure by making it one of the obstacles everyone has to go through to get back home. The jungle is filled with wild beasts, birds, native peoples, and all kinds of life. There is adventure at every turn, so let your imagination run wild. So, the next time an unexpected event changes your family's plans, visit "Solution Street" ... where imagination is the answer.





## BOTTLE CAP SNAKE

*If your child is voracious for vipers, this recycled reptile, created by the Clement family of Chester, Virginia, and a runner-up in our 2002 FamilyFun Craft Contest (featured in the March 2002 issue), is an easy keeper with undeniable charm.*



**Total Time Needed: 1 Hour**

### Materials

- Metal bottle caps (our snake took 100)
- A wooden block
- Hammer
- Large nail
- Tapestry needle
- 2-foot length of red yarn
- A cork
- Tacky glue
- Beads or buttons for eyes



### Instructions

1. To start, one by one, set each bottle cap right side up on the wooden block and use the hammer and nail to make a hole in the center of it. Then thread the needle with the yarn, tie a knot at the opposite end, and string the caps onto the yarn.
2. For the head, first hammer a pilot hole lengthwise through the cork, then thread the yarn through. (Tip: You may need pliers to pull the needle all the way through.)
3. Knot the yarn, leaving an extra 2 inches for the snake's tongue, then trim the excess yarn. Finally, glue on the beads or buttons for the critter's eyes.





## Paper snakes

*This nearly no-mess project leaves lots of room for inspired creativity. Within every piece of card stock is a coiled serpent waiting to be found -- just crease, cut, and fold.*



## Materials

- Card stock or scrapbook paper
- Magazine
- Ballpoint pen
- Scissors
- Marker or gel pen



## Instructions

1. Place a large sheet of card stock or scrapbook paper (ours were 12 by 12 inches) facedown on a magazine. Use a ballpoint pen to draw a curvy line on the paper, pressing firmly enough to score the paper. For a snake that coils over itself like the ones pictured, draw curves that wind close to one another.
2. Using your line as a guide, cut out the snake (ours are about one inch at their widest point).
3. Flip the snake over and pinch the scored line to add dimension to the body. Wrap the snake around itself for added effect. Add eyes with a marker or gel pen.



## FORGET-ME-NOT ELEPHANT

*Trust this clever little pachyderm to deliver an unforgettable message. Not only does each elephant have a great memory for love poems; he's also hiding a candy present to sweeten the deal.*



### Materials

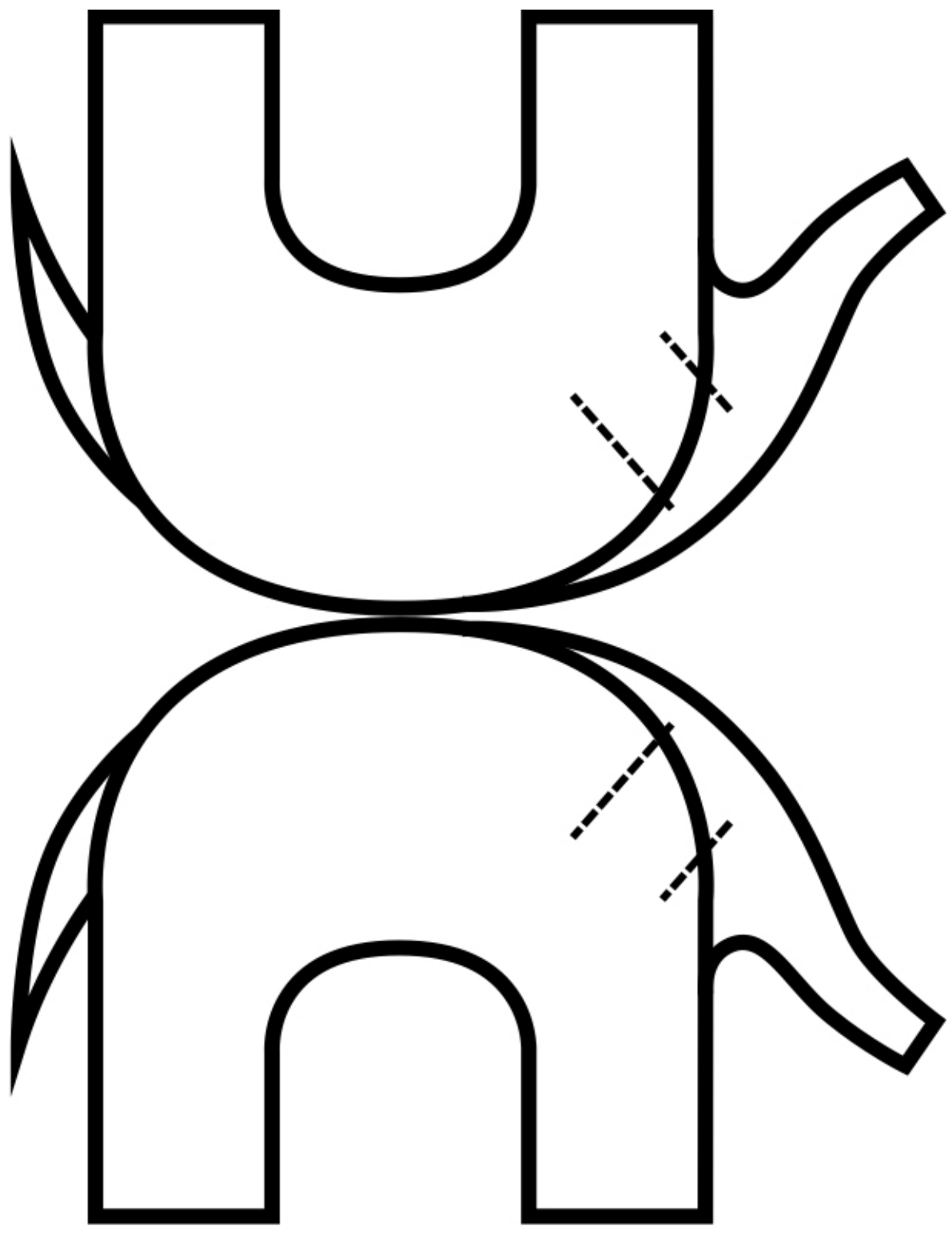
- Color-Aid paper
- Craft knife
- Art paper
- Scissors
- Marker
- Small wrapped candy



### Instructions

1. Draw an elephant silhouette onto a folded sheet of art paper or print one out from our ready-made-template (below).
2. Cut out the elephant (being careful not to cut through the fold at the top of its back) and then use a craft knife to cut two small slits on each side of the head (a parent's job).
3. Cut two little paper hearts from the Color-Aid paper and write a message on one side. Fold the hearts in half lengthwise and slip them through the slits to form the elephant's ears and tusks.
4. Glue the trunks together at the tip.
5. For an added surprise, tape a wrapped candy inside the elephant.









## BANANA BOAT

*Goopy and delicious, this custom-made banana treat*

*gives your child a chance to get creative.*

**HANDS-ON TIME:** 15 MIN, **READY IN:** 30 MIN, **YIELD:** 1 SERVING



## INGREDIENTS

- Bananas (peels on)
- Chocolate chips
- Butterscotch chips
- Peanut butter chips
- Mini marshmallows
- Peanut butter

## Instructions

1. Heat oven to 400. Cut a lengthwise slit in each banana, going through the peel and into the center of the fruit.
2. Let your child tuck any combination of chips, marshmallows, and peanut butter (1 to 2 tablespoons of each) inside. Close the bananas back up and wrap tightly in foil.
3. Bake on a cookie sheet until insides are warm and melted, about 20 minutes. The peel will be black, but the inside will be heavenly.
4. Let cool, then scoop into a bowl or eat right out of the peel.

