Pearl at Home

Art projects designed for family fun, for suggested ages of 5 and up to be completed at home with easily-accessible art materials.

HALF CIRCLE HORSE

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MATERIALS

- Pencil and eraser
- Scissors
- Printer and paper: Cardstock is preferable, but regular printer paper can also be used as a template to transfer designs onto colored construction paper.
- Scraps of any colored paper
- Color media: Tempera paint, acrylic paint, markers, crayons, or color pencils
- Clear tape • Optional: glue stick or glue
- Templates (provided at the end of this packet)

DIRECTIONS

1 Print the provided templates on cardstock. If you don’t have cardstock, you can print the templates on regular computer paper and use them to transfer the shapes onto construction paper.

   Next, cut out all the parts and draw or paint the details of your horse. If you used any paint, let it dry before moving on to the next steps.

2 Head, Mane, Forelock: Unfold the head piece, then add the mane to one side. Check to see how it looks, then tape or glue it down.

   Add the forelock – the piece of hair on the front of the horse’s head – just below the ears, where the head folds on top. Close the head and set it aside.
3 Attach the Neck to the Body:
Fold the round body piece in half, then cut a slit on the fold about 1/3 of the way from one edge. Slip the FOLDED head into the slit so the nose points away from the circle. Position the head at the angle you prefer.

Use tape or glue to attach the bottom of the head piece to the INSIDE of the circle. If there is a pointy bit that sticks out from the body, use scissors to trim it off; try to follow the curve of the body.

4 Attach the Tail:
Unfold the body so you can add the tail. Tape or glue it BELOW the fold so the body will still close. See the pictures below:
5 Roll each of the leg strips into a long tube shape so that the hooves and any coloring you did are on the OUTSIDE of the tube. Use tape to secure the ends together.

TIP: Use a long piece of tape right at the bottom, over the hooves. The shiny tape will look like the hoof lacquer riders sometimes add to their horse’s hooves.

6 Unfold the body so you can tape the legs to the INSIDE of the body. Tape 2 of the legs on one side of the circle. Try to leave the same amount of leg poking out of the body.

Tape the other two legs to the other side of the circle, but offset them a bit (see the example to the right). Try to make the lengths of the legs even with the others.

Once all 4 legs are taped, fold the body again – and your horse should stand up!
Optional: Make a saddle blanket, saddle, bridal, and reins from scraps of colored paper. Add them to your horse.
1: Body - Cut 1, fold in half on the dotted line
2: Head - Cut as 1 piece, fold on the dotted line
3: Tail - Cut 1
4: Mane - Cut 1
5: Forelock (bangs) - Cut 1
6: Legs - Cut ON the lines to make 4 legs (next page)
Legs: Cut on the horizontal line, then cut on the other lines to make 4 legs. Cut all the way off the edge of the paper.