



I Love My Cart Horse

Craft Activity - Make a Polo Stick Pony

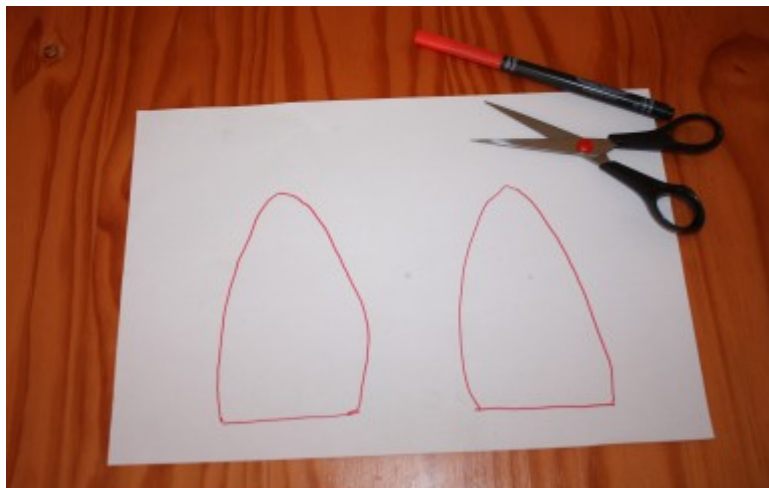
Materials needed:

- 1 Big Long Sock – any colour.
- 2 Buttons for eyes or Googly craft eyes.
- 2 small buttons for nostrils, or you can draw them on with marker.
- 1 Broom stick, dowel, or bamboo about 1 to 1.5 metres long.
- Yarn for the horse's mane.
- Scrap Material for horse ears.
- Stuffing (can use pillow stuffing, cut-up socks, or rags).
- Elastics, string, or yarn to tie sock head to stick.
- Sewing needle, scissors, pins, and thread.
- Ribbon, marker, or other materials to decorate – (optional).

Directions:

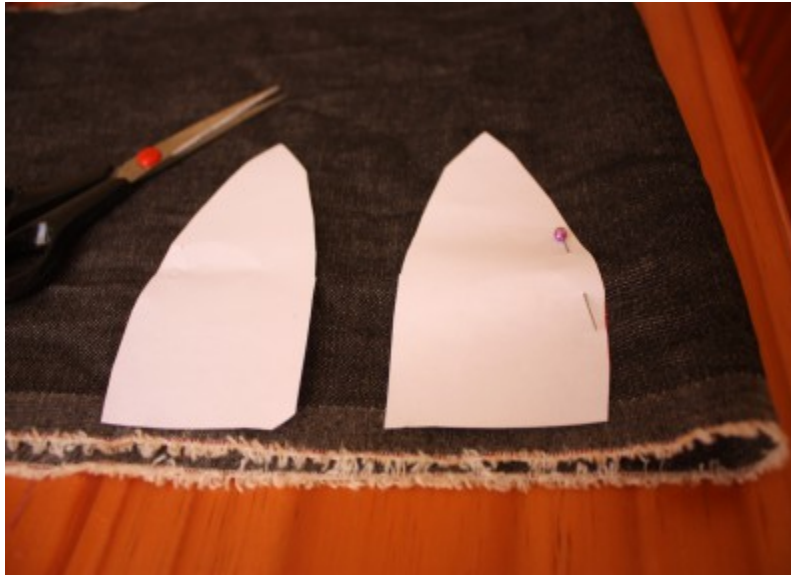
Step 1.

Draw two ear shapes on a piece of paper.
Cut out the ear shapes.



Step 2.

Pin ear shapes to a scrap of material that is folded in half.



Cut out ear shapes from the two layers of scrap material.



Step 3.

Sew the two 'wrong sides' of material together, leaving an opening at the bottom to stuff. Turn ears right side out. Stuff ears.



Step 4.

Sew stuffed ears to the heel of the sock.
This will be the top of the head.



Step 5.

Sew two Buttons for eyes.

Use two smaller buttons for nostrils or draw nostrils with marker.

Step 6.

Use marker for drawing mouth, or sew ribbon in a mouth shape. Decorate sock. If you want a spotted horse, use a marker and make spots. If you want a yellow, brown, or purple-striped horse, colour sock before it gets stuffed.

Step 7.

Stuff Stock quite firmly.

Sew sock in place, but leave a small opening for the stick.

Step 8.

Place open end of sock over the stick. Push stick into the sock, through the middle of the stuffing. Push up about where the ears start. (Depending on length of sock, it may be 23 cm (9 inches) of the stick pushed into the stuffed sock.)



Step 9.

Attach sock head to the stick. Tie tight with elastic bands or string.

[Please note: You may want to cut a groove in the stick 5 to 10 cm (2 to 4 in.) above the spot where the hands will grasp the horse's body. This groove will help you to attach the head of the horse to the stick.]



Step. 10. Lastly, sew yarn down the horse's neck and between the ears for the mane.





Lukas from *I Love my Cart Horse* riding his polo stick pony.