



## Craft Activity

**Theme:** Horse

**Intro:** Horses love humans as much as we love them. Horses were our first form of transport, and also did a lot of work for many years such as carting goods for us, digging fields, and pulling people around in carriages or on horseback.

**Craft activity:** H is for Horse

**Children will need:** Brown paper, lighter brown paper or wool, scissors, sticky tape, glue, textas.

**Instructions:** Cut out a "h" shape out of the dark brown paper using the template. Next, cut out a head and the ears. Add a mane and tail using the lighter brown paper or wool with sticky tape or glue. Draw on eyes. Decorate your horse.

**Extension Idea:** Younger children will need assistance with cutting. Use different coloured card. Practice writing the letter "h". Ask your child if they know any other words beginning with the letter "h"?

**Fact:** Horses love it when we treat them to apples and carrots. They really like to eat peas and beans too.



**Learning Outcome 2:** Children are connected with and contribute to their world.

## Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

### Sensory activity: Pin the tail on the Horse

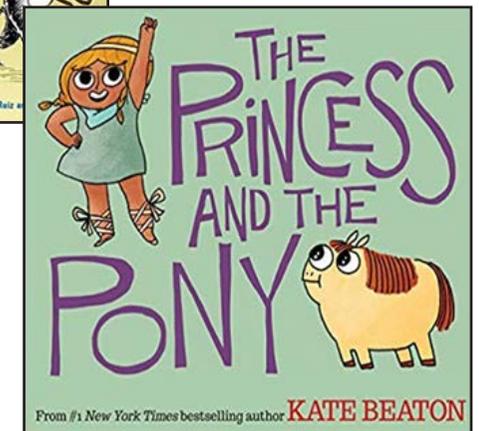
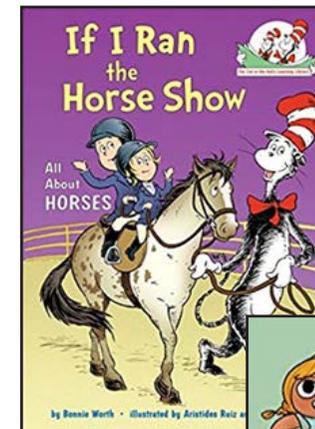
**You will need:** Print off large picture of a horse, a tail, and something to secure in on – for example Velcro dots. One where the tail needs to go on the picture and the other on the tail so you can re-use it or blue tac. And a blind fold.

**Instructions:** Let each child take a turn in trying to put the tail on the horse, blind fold them and let them have a turn, see who gets the closest.

**Outside Activity:** If your Playgroup has some Hobby Horses, let the children race around outside on their horses, make some boxes up that they can pull behind them to take toys or items around in them, like horses still do today.

### Group time ideas:

Read stories about horses. Research some famous horses. (Black Beauty, Phar Lap) Ask if anyone has ridden a horse? What was it like? Ask if any children know what a baby horse is called. Do any children own horses? How do you look after them?



### Book Suggestions:

If I Ran the Horse Show by Dr Seuss

The Princess and the Pony by Kate Beaton

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