

Dear Hobby Horse Maker,

I am so excited that you are making, your own Hobby Horse. In 2010, I Hobby Horsed from Wales to London, whilst collecting stories which were made into a play!

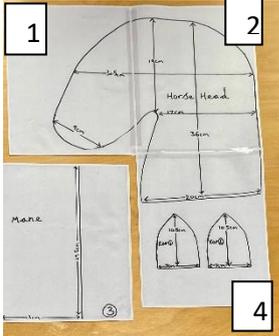
As a maker I try to use materials that are sustainable and kind to our planet. I do this by reusing old materials like the old jumpers I used for this horse! Just remember to ask permission first!

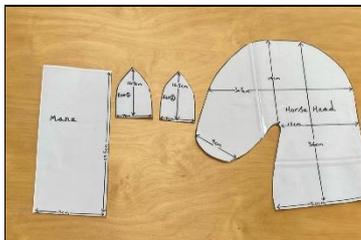
Below I have offered suggestions for the equipment you will need, but you may think of something even better that you can reuse and recycle for the purpose.

Can't wait to see them!



Equipment	
Needle & thread 12m approx	To be used with help of adult or under adult supervision
Scissors	To be used with help of adult or under adult supervision
Hammer	To be used with help of adult or under adult supervision
Pattern	Print out the 4 jpegs to fit a full A4 page, align and stick together
Material for head and mane	Needs to have some give (a little bit of stretch) and not fray too easily. Suggestions: old cotton sweatshirts, hoodies, wool blankets.
2 x Dots	Suggestions: sticky label, white paper and tape or fabric chalk
Eyes	Suggestions: 2 x buttons or contrasting coloured felt fabric
Stuffing	Suggestions: scoured wool, soft material scraps, bubble wrap or hay (taking into account any allergies).
Pole 80 cm long approx	Suggestions: dowling, old broom handle, or a simple stick, I've used hazel (remove any sharp twigs!)
Binding 13 cm approx	Cotton binding I have found to be the best for this and your local haberdashery is likely to supply it. If you can't get any alternative suggestions to finishing your horse at the end would be using glue with adult supervision or a strong tape that you could then wrap a ribbon over.
2 x Small nail tacks	These are to go in the binding at the end again alternatives to finishing your horse at the end would be using glue with adult supervision or a strong tape that you could then wrap a ribbon over.

<p>How to make your own Hobby Horse</p>	<p>Step 1. Lay out the equipment.</p>  <p>You will need scissors and a hammer but remember to get an adult to help you with tricky bits!</p>	 <p>Step 2. Align and stick pages: 1, 2 and 4 of the pattern together.</p>
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Step 3. Carefully cut out pattern.



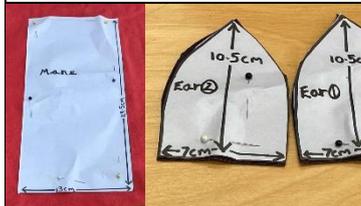
Step 4. Pin the horse head to the material and cut around it.



Step 5. Pin and cut the other side of the horse's head.



Step 6. Stick two dots to the inside of horse's head (wrong side/the side you won't see).



Step 7. Pin rest of pattern to material and cut out the ears and mane.



Step 8. Fringe rectangle.



Step 9. Line up mane to outer edge of head. **Make sure the white dot is not facing you.** And use a running stitch to attach.



Step 10. Place the other head on top. **Keep mane inside and both white dots facing the outside!**



Step 11. Use a running stitch to go around your horse head leaving 0.5cm seam allowance. Then repeat and go around the head again with a running stitch that fills in all the gaps.



Step 12. Turn your material inside out to see horse's head!



Step 13. Sew on buttons for eyes.

Step 14. Fold ears in half and sew. **Top Tip:** insert a piece of card inside head so you don't sew the two sides together!



Step 15. Stuff your horse with wool.



16. Insert stick.

Step 17. Fold material at end inside the head.



Step 18. Sew up ends from corners in towards the stick.



Step 19. Wrap binding tightly around stick. Sew in place. Then sew binding to wool all the way around the stick.



Step 20. Ask an adult to help you by putting nails through binding and stick to secure horse's head.

