

Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

Horse Sense



Crayola Supplies

- Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks

Other Supplies

- white paper

Why?

Create a prancing parade of horse breeds! Crayola® Colored Pencils are ideal to draw their distinctive colors and markings.

How?

1. The earliest known ancestor of the horse was no larger than a hare. This animal went from having three toes to having only one, a hoof. Every breed of horse has adapted to life according to its place of origin and can be identified by its size, body shape, color, and white markings on its face and legs. Look at pictures of different horses from around the globe. See if you can find breeds such as Morgan, Shire, Lipizzan, Clydesdale, Arab, Mustang, Palomino, and Andalusian.
2. Horses are often known by their distinctive color, such as Chestnut, Dapple Gray, Bay, Roan, Dun, Spotted, and Skewbald. Find out what each of these horses looks like.
3. With Crayola® Scissors, cut several strips of white paper at least 4 inches (10.16 cm.) wide. Attach the pieces end to end with a Crayola® Glue Stick to make one long strip. Divide the scroll into rectangular blocks.
4. In each of the blocks, draw different breeds of horses with Crayola® Colored Pencils. Choose the colors and add the appropriate markings (a star, stripe, or blaze) to the face and legs. Write the breed of each horse.
5. In another piece of paper, cut two vertical strips to make a viewfinder frame that is slightly bigger than one block of your long strip. Decorate the outside edge of the viewfinder with pictures of equipment associated with horses such as bridles, bits, saddles, stirrups, and riding apparel.
6. Slide the beginning of your horse scroll into the viewfinder. Move your pictures through it, creating a parade of horses from around the world.

When and Where Suggestions?

- "We read lots of stories about horses and visited a boarding stable. Our family is signed up for riding lessons!" Julian K., dad of 8- and 10-year-olds.
- "Students really delved into similar filmstrip presentations on breeds of dogs, cats, and other pets." Doria S., after-school volunteer.

Interesting Information

Did you know 4 inches equals a hand? A hand is the unit of measurement used with horses. The smallest Shetland pony could measure about 8 hands while the great Shire horse could be as tall as 19 hands.

Safety Guidelines

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children age 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

ATTENTION: The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.

Related Books

Album of Horses by Marguerite Henry

A Field Full of Horses by Peter Hansard

All About Horses: Color and Story Album by Twila Dian

Black Stallion by Walter Farley

Eyewitness: Horse by Juliet Clutton-Brock

Horses and Ponies by Sandy Ransford

National Velvet by Enid Bagnold

Wild Horses I Have Known by Hope Ryder

Related Videos

A Young American Rider

Horses

Horses Close Up and Personal

Real Animals: A Day With Horses

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