

No-Sew Horse Puppet

Horses around the world vary in size from small to very large and are measured in hands. An American Quarter Horse can be between 14.2 to 16.2 hands tall.

A hand is equal to four inches. To measure a horse's size, we count hand widths from the ground to a horse's withers, the high part of its back between the shoulder blades.

Now that you know how to measure a horse, let's make a horse puppet for your hand!

Materials:

- 1 sock
- Yarn for the mane
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Felt for ears and nostrils
- Hot glue gun – ask an adult for help!
- A jar or aluminum can to insert in the sock to maintain the structure while the glue dries

Instructions:

1. Begin by cutting out the felt for the ears and nostrils.
2. Next, insert the jar into the sock. This will help you glue on the eyes and nose where you want them. Leave the jar inside to glue on the rest. (If you like, you can certainly sew on all of these parts!)
3. Now, glue the ears just above the eyes. You can use a big glob of hot glue to make sure they stay securely on the sock.
4. Then, you can add the bangs of the mane to the horse. Wrap a strand of yarn around your hand and glue it in place between the ears. Then, you can snip open the "loops".
5. Do three sets of these for the mane. Make sure the glue catches all of the strands.
6. Now you're ready for the puppet show to begin

