

## **POOL NOODLE STICK HORSE**

1. Decide where to bend your pool noodle to create the head and mark it on the back.
2. Mark where the eyes will go on the front – more towards front than side so the eyes don't pop off too easily.
3. Cut out the ears: Fold a strip of felt in half and cut an ear shape through both layers, about four inches long.
4. Glue ears on to the mark drawn on back of noodle, allowing them to droop down. Allow glue to dry.
5. On front side of noodle, mark path of mane with dots. Use the eye marks and ears to determine where the forelock part of mane will be.
6. Add glue on dots and attach mane, pressing down firmly. Allow glue to dry.
7. Add glue to eye marks and attach eyes. Press down firmly. Allow glue to dry.
8. Cut out two small circles (nostrils) from the scraps left over from making ears. Position near the end of the head, below eyes. Glue in place.
9. Cut a piece of twine about 9 feet long to make the halter and reins. Fold in half.
10. Bend head over and hold firmly. Tie twine around head to make noseband, threading the ends through the loop of the doubled twine.
11. Keeping the twine taught, pass the twine up over the poll, behind the ears and over the other side of the head. Tie the long end in a firm double knot around the noseband twine at the side of the head so that neither noseband nor crown piece moves. \*Kids, you may need adult help with this.\*
12. Pass the twine around the back of the head and knot the end firmly onto the halter on the opposite side to make the reins.
13. Add a name tag including rider name, horse name, and phone number of responsible adult.
14. Check for anything that needs an extra dab of glue, arrange ears how you like them. DONE!







