

The Peerless Pony

Steps:

1. Print the pattern using Actual Size, US Letter, and check the 2" x 2" box with a ruler. Do not cut the dashed lines on the ears; those are the fold lines.
2. Rough Cut the pattern (does not need to be to the edge)
3. Use masking tape to stick the pattern to some thin Vegetable Tanned Leather (1-2 oz)
4. Punch Holes (I used a #00, by Craftool, but use whatever you have)
5. Cut around the pattern and leather (you can use sheers, scalpel, or craft knife)
6. Install ¼" round spots for the eyes where the 2 slits are shown.
7. Sew the Top and 2 Sides together at the Nose. Make sure you keep the outside stitches up and down to resemble nostrils. Tie off.
8. Sew along one side of the bridge of the nose. I use a single needle in a running stitch and then reverse it to come back. This way you are knotting it at the opening in the back.
9. Sew the other side of the bridge of the nose.
10. Sew one side and then the second side of the bottom.
11. Fold the ear pieces in half and sew the ears on. Make sure the flesh (scruffy) side of the leather is on the inside of the ear when you fold it.
12. Fold the hanger piece and sew it on like the bread of a sandwich using the 4 holes. Tie off.
13. Add the horse's forelock. Do NOT use waxed thread for this step as it will stick together. I used machine thread. To lock it in, I sewed between the horsehead and the hanger strap (never going through to the back). Leaving a 1-inch tail, sew up through 4, down through 2, up through 1, down through 3, around a pen, then repeat. I made 8 loops with 2 tails, but feel free to make more. Then I snipped the loops and trimmed the hair to give it a nice horsey look! (See Photo B and Diagram 1 on next page.)
14. Add a beaded chain to hang it from your bag, etc.

NOTE: Send me a message via Facebook Messenger at Shallow Water Designs or via Etsy at ShallowWaterDesigns if you need assistance. I am always glad to help!

Materials List

- 0.5 square ft of 1-2 oz leather (the tape sticks better to vegtan)
- 2 x ¼" round spots of your choice of color for the eyes
- ¼" round spot setter (plenty of videos out there on how to set them, even without the setter)
- Waxed sewing thread for the stitching
- Unwaxed machine thread for the forelock
- One 4" length of beaded chain with fastener

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Photos / Diagrams



Photo A – Finished Product



Photo B – Creating the Forelock with Unwaxed Thread and a Pen.

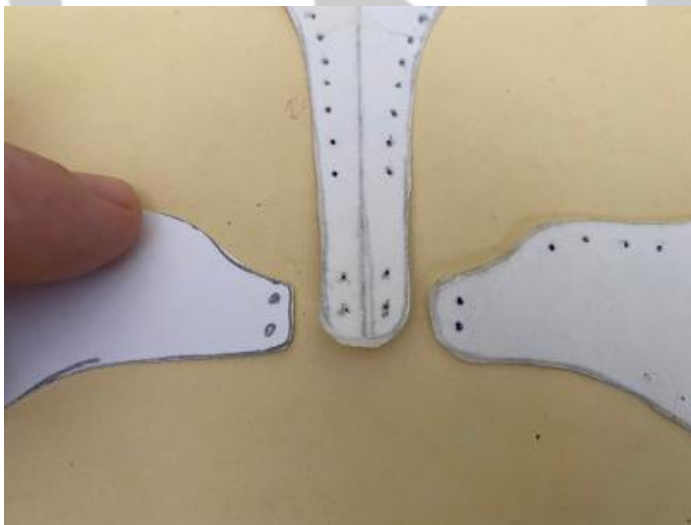


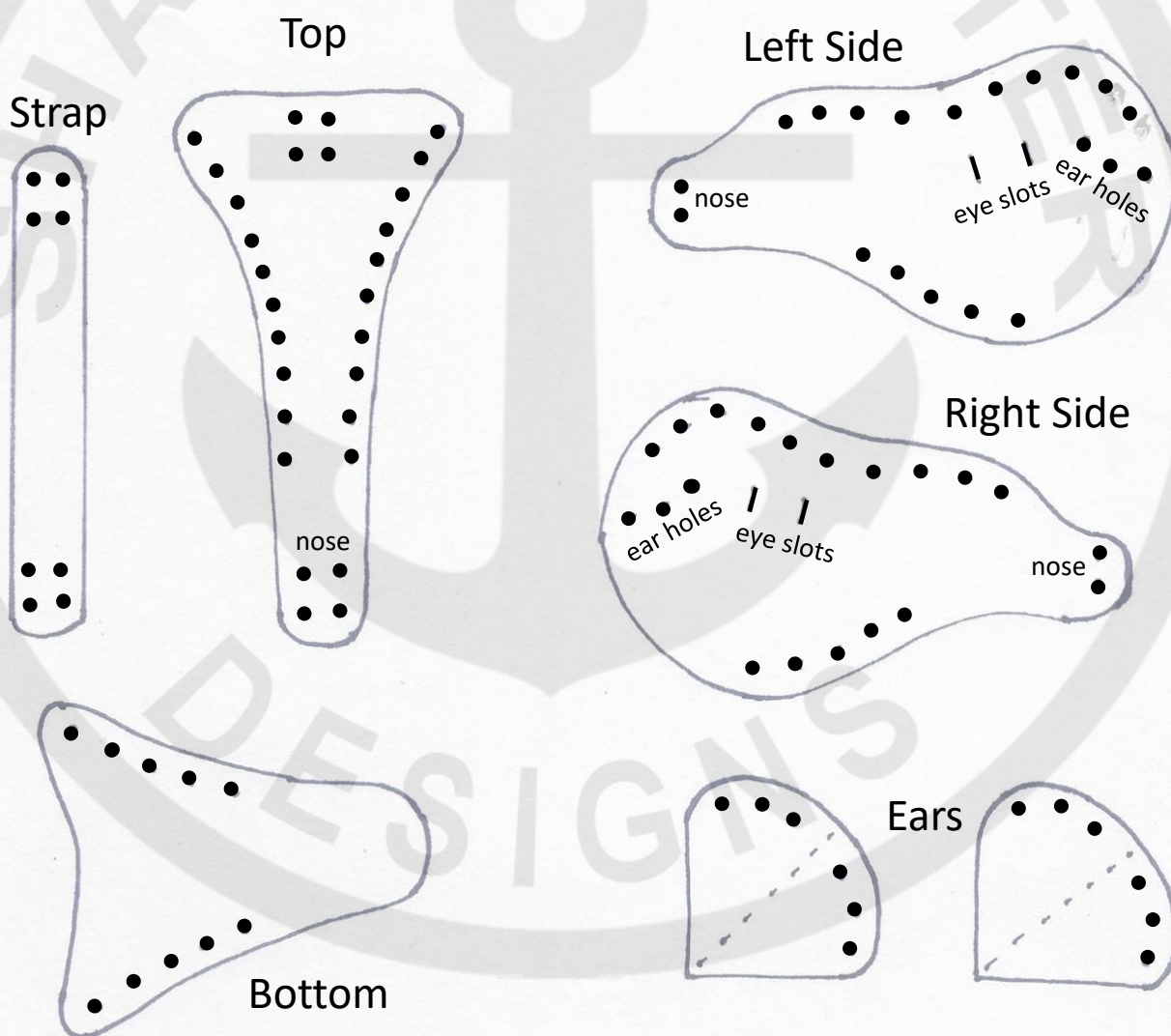
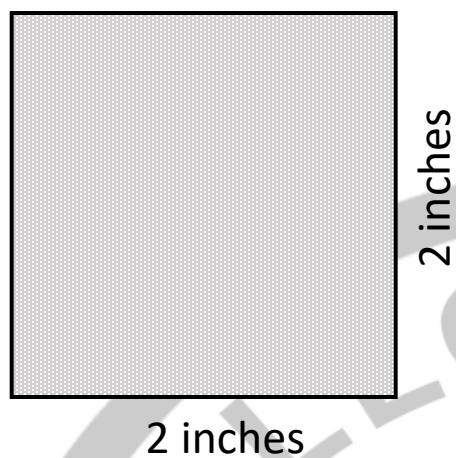
Photo C – the 3 pieces that form the nose.



Diagram 1 - Stitching Pattern for the Forelock

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