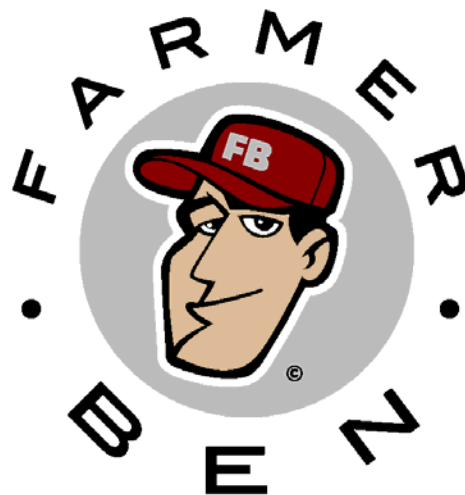


## Clothespin Horse

Virginia is the nation's 5<sup>th</sup> largest equine state. The equine industry began in Virginia 1610 with the arrival of the first horses to the Virginia colonies. Horses were used for travel and to pull plows as well as tread wheat. Today, horses are used for racing, pleasure riding, hunting, competitions, and breeding.



### You will need:

Cardstock paper  
Crayons, colored pencils and/or markers  
Glue  
Scissors  
Horse template, attached  
Bits of cut paper, ribbon, sequins, yarn, feathers, buttons, glitter, etc  
A book about horses

### How to:

1. Read and discuss the horse book with children.
2. Cut out the horse shapes and color using crayons, colored pencils, or markers.
3. Decorate with yarn for the mane and tail.
4. Decorate the rest of the horse with glitter, sequins, ribbons, etc.
5. Once glue is dry, pinch on a clothespin for the front legs and one for the back legs.

### Suggested Books:

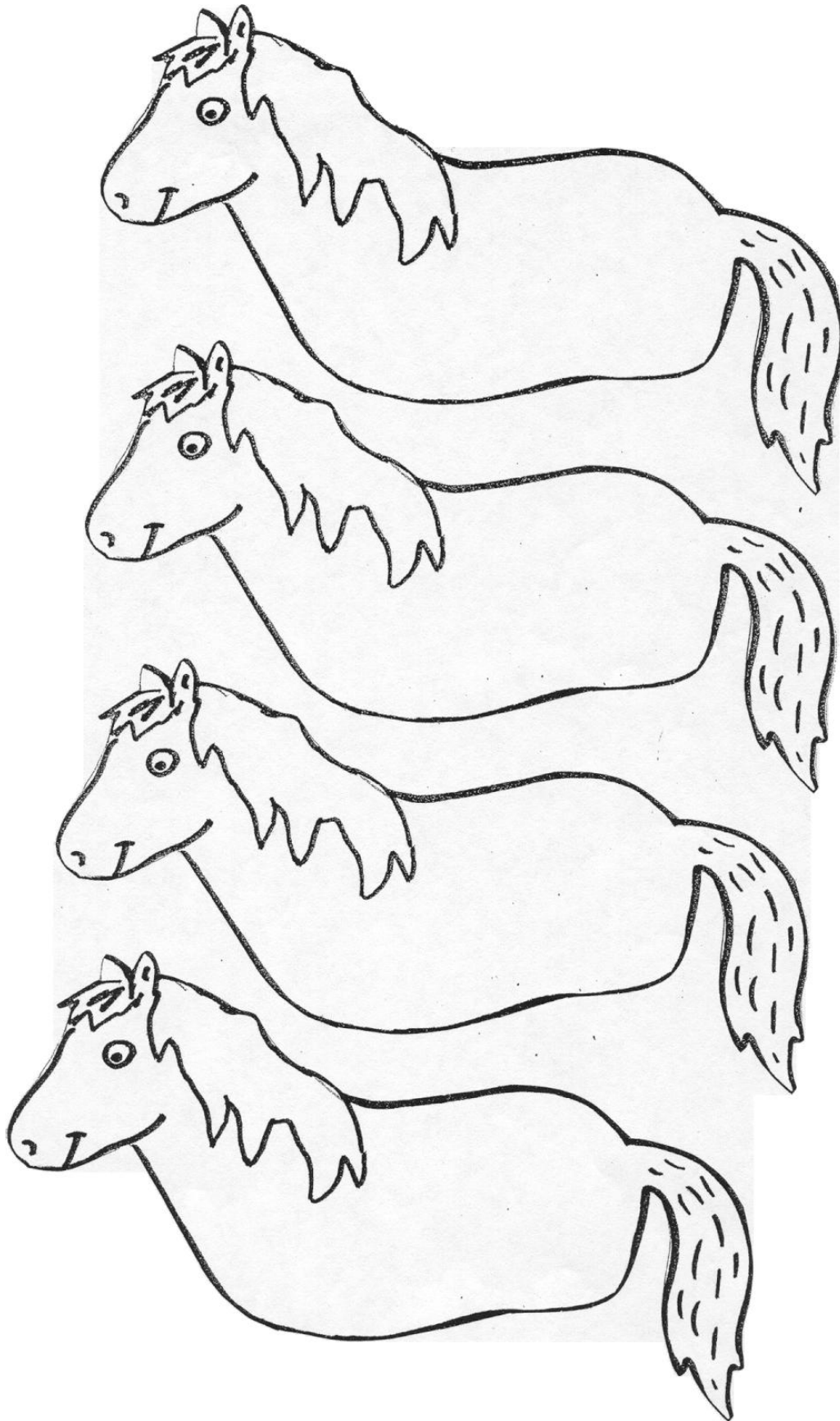
*Leah's Pony* by Elizabeth Friedrich  
*Field Full of Horses* by Peter Hansard  
*Horses* by Gail Gibbons



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