



# THE YEAR OF THE HORSE

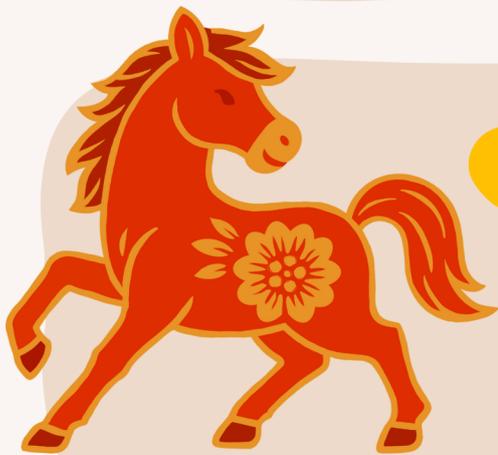




# LUNER NEW YEAR

## WARM-UP QUESTION

- Do you like horses?
- Have you seen a horse before?



## WHAT IS THE YEAR OF THE HORSE?

- Some years have animal names.
- One of these years is the Year of the Horse.
- The horse is a strong and fast animal.

## THE HORSE CHANT

Say together with claps:

Clip-clop!   Clip-clop!  

It's a horse!   

Fast! Strong! Run like a horse!

Go! Go! Go!   





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## MATERIALS

- small, sharp scissors
- red copy paper
- white card stock
- glue stick
- a template



## ABOUT THE TEMPLATE

- The horse face pattern is the same on both sides.
- It is cut on folded paper.
- This activity is best for students who use scissors well.



## FUN FACTS: THE YEAR OF THE HORSE

- The horse is one of the fastest animals.
- The horse loves to run and move.
- The horse is strong and can carry people.
- People say the Year of the Horse is a happy and active year.
- Horse years are about energy and freedom.
- People born in the Year of the Horse are often friendly and brave.

# PAPER CUTTING TEMPLATE



# LUNER NEW YEAR PAPER CUTTING

01.

## PRINT THE TEMPLATE

Print the template on red copy paper.  
Make sure the scale is 100%.

02.

## FOLD THE PAPER

Fold the paper in half along the dashed line.

03.

## CUT THE FOLDED EDGE

First, cut the shaded areas on the folded edge.

04.

## CUT THE INSIDE SHAPES

Next, cut the shapes inside the paper.

05.

## MAKE A STARTER HOLE

If it is hard to cut, fold the shaded area gently.  
Make a small cut with the scissors.



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## OPEN THE PAPER

When you finish cutting, slowly open the paper.  
Flatten it carefully.

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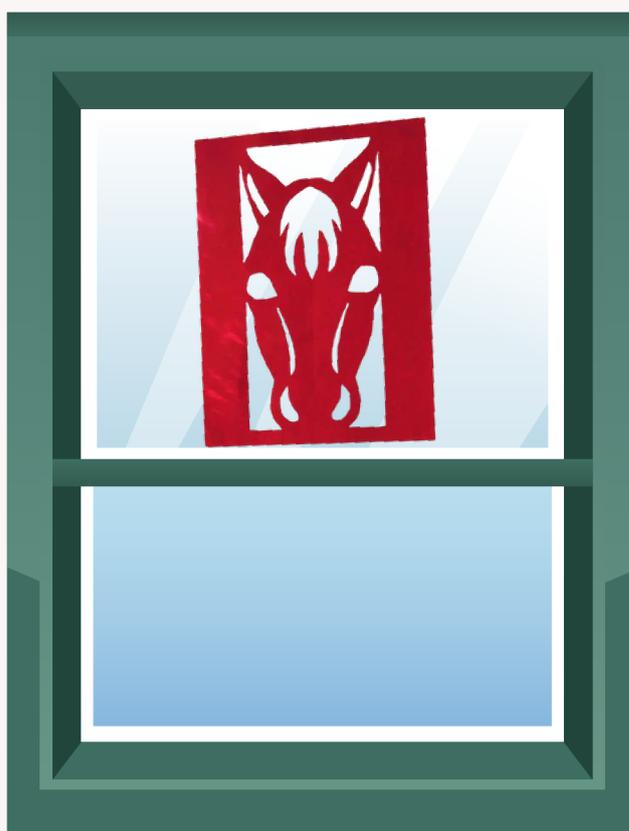
## DISPLAY YOUR WORK

You can display the paper cut in many ways.  
Tape it on a window, or glue it onto white card stock.  
The white background makes the details stand out.

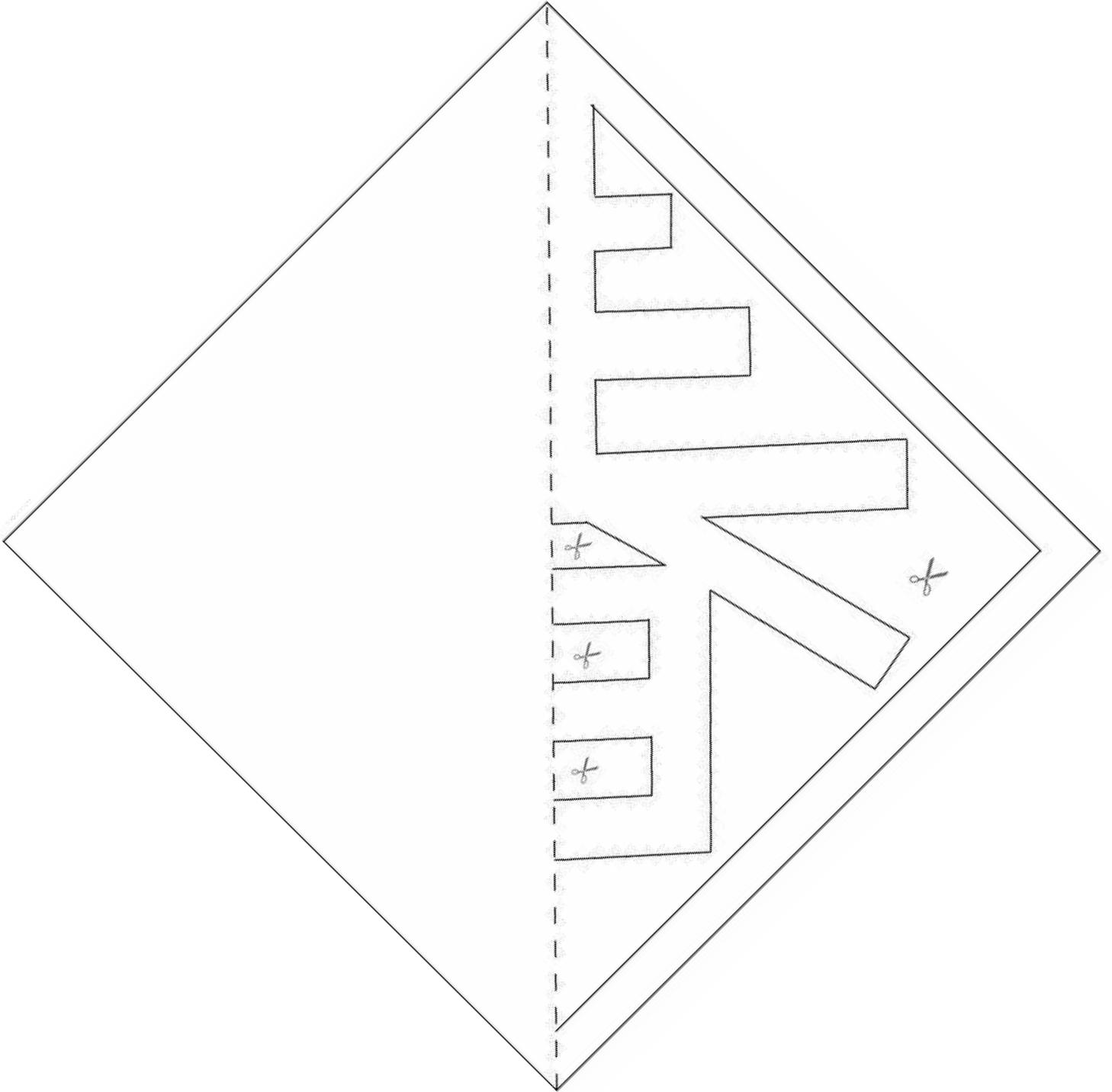
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## FUN TIME

Hold the horse in front of your face.  
Pretend to be a horse.  
Gallop around the room!



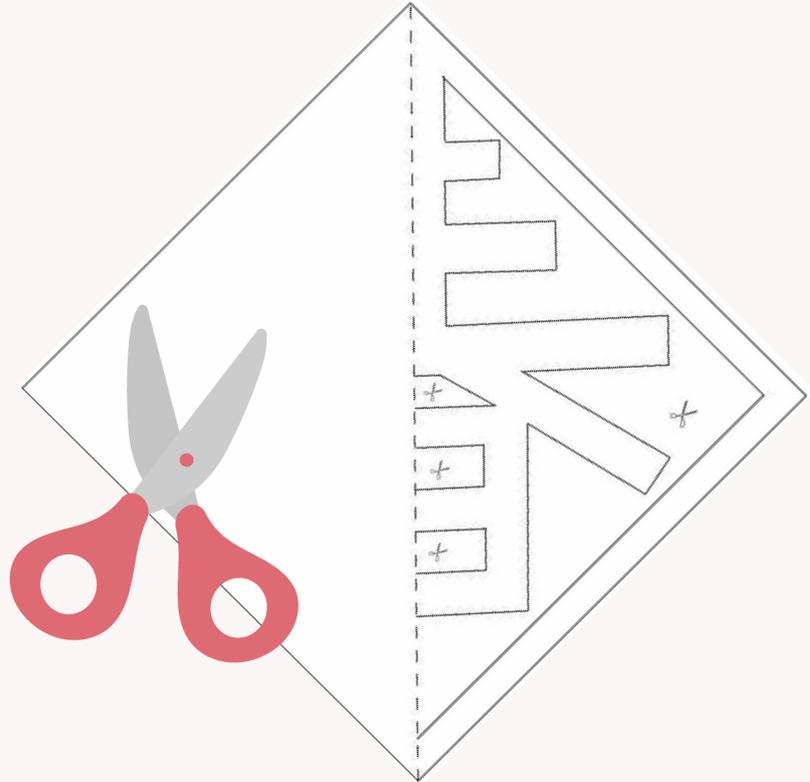
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# LUNER NEW YEAR PAPER CUTTING

## Materials

- 1 red paper (with this template printed)
- scissors



## Steps

1. Fold on the dotted line.
2. Hold the paper tight.
3. Cut the lines
  - Cut on the solid lines.
  - Do NOT cut the dotted line.
4. Open the paper slowly.
5. Say: "Happy Luner New Year!"



## The Happy Horse Year

One sunny morning, a happy horse woke up in a green field.  
The horse stretched its legs and shook its tail.

“Today is a good day,” the horse said.

The horse began to run.

It ran on the soft grass.

Run, run, run!

The wind brushed past and said hello.

The horse felt strong and free.

Soon, the horse met some friends.

It met a little bird and a small rabbit.

“Let’s move together!” said the horse.

They jumped.

They ran.

They laughed together.



Suddenly, dark clouds filled the sky.

Rain began to fall.

The friends felt tired and slow.

But the horse stayed calm and said,

“Don’t stop. Let’s try again.”

After the rain, the sky became bright.

A beautiful rainbow appeared.

The horse helped its friends stand up.

Everyone smiled again.

People nearby saw the horse running happily.

They saw its energy and joy.

They said, “This is the Year of the Horse!”

The horse looked around and smiled.

“Be strong,” it said.

“Keep moving. Have fun.”

And that is why the Year of the Horse  
is a year of energy, movement, and happiness.

The End



# The Happy Horse Year

## Comprehension Questions

Level 1:

1. Is the horse happy or sad?
2. Is it morning or night?
3. Does the horse run or sleep?

Level 2:

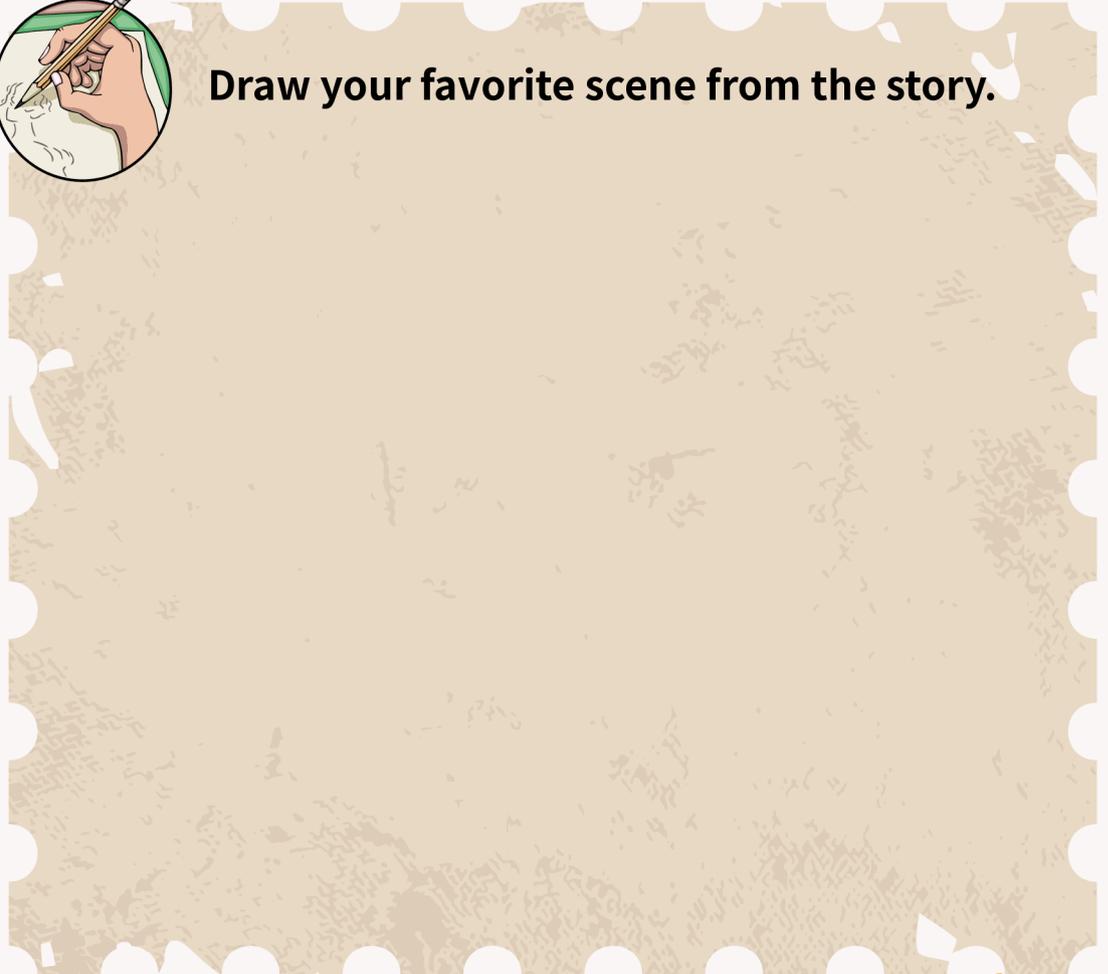
1. Where does the horse wake up?
2. Who does the horse meet?
3. What happens when the rain comes?

Level 3:

1. What does the horse say to its friends in the rain?
2. How do the friends feel after the rainbow comes?
3. Why do people say it is the Year of the Horse?



**Draw your favorite scene from the story.**



Answer Keys:

● Level 1:

1. Happy
2. Morning
3. Run

● Level 2:

1. In a green field
2. A bird and a rabbit
3. It rains / Dark clouds come

● Level 3:

1. "Don't stop. Let's try again."
2. Happy / They smile
3. Because the horse is happy, active, and full of energy

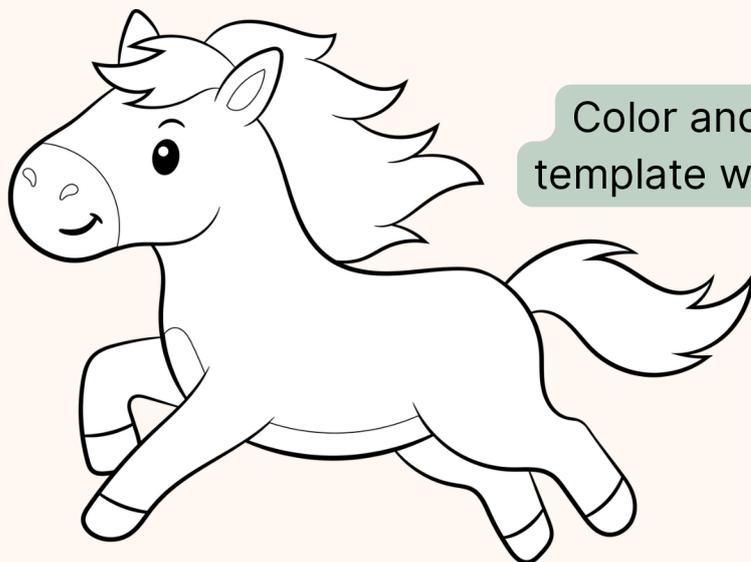
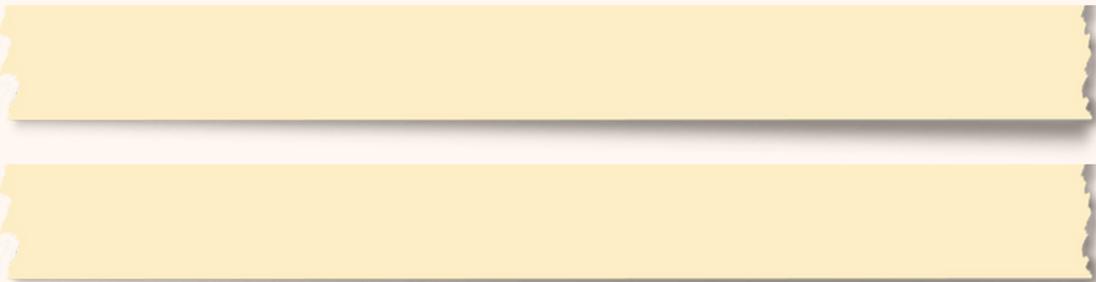


**GO, GO,  
GALLOPING  
HORSE!**



## Materials:

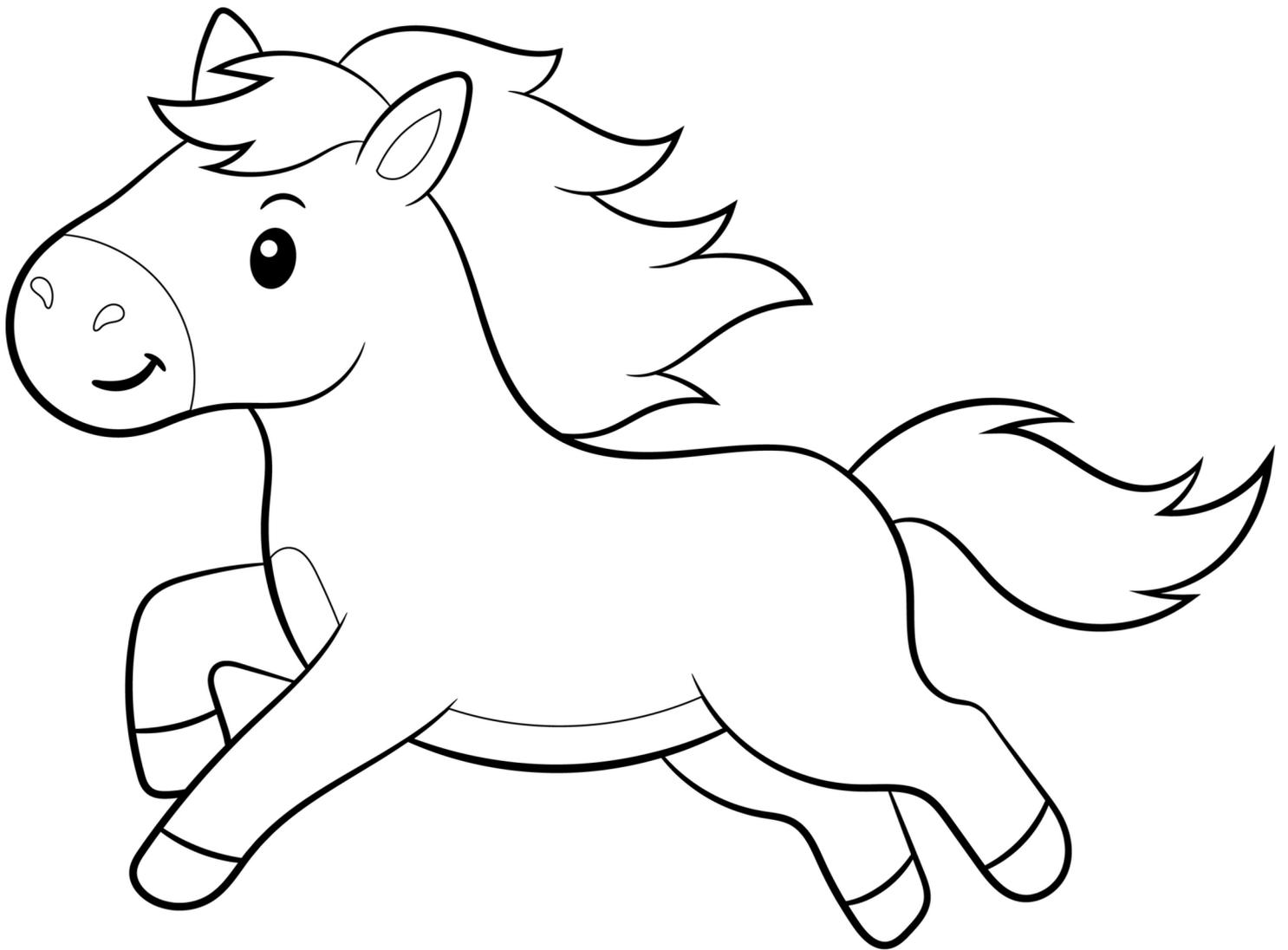
- 2 paper strips (same size, about 20 cm x 2.5 cm)
- glue
- a paper plate
- a horse template



Color and cut the horse template with the scissors.



# HORSE TEMPLATE



# Step-by-Step Paper Spring Folding Instructions

## 1. Set Up the "L" Shape

- Take two paper strips.
- Glue the end of one strip to the end of the other at a 90-degree angle.
- The strips should form an "L" shape.



*Example:*

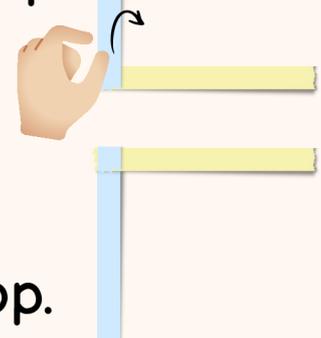
- The blue strip goes up and down (vertical).
- The yellow strip goes left and right (horizontal).
- The yellow strip is glued on top of the bottom end of the blue strip.

## 2. First Fold

- Take the strip that is underneath.
- Fold it over the strip that is on top.

*Example:*

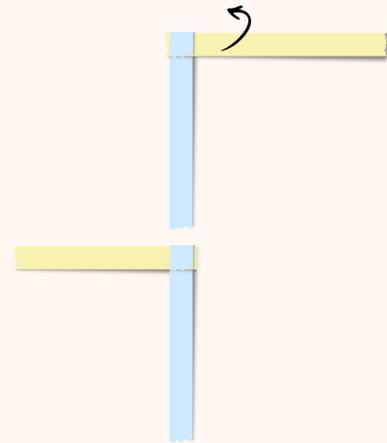
- Fold the blue (vertical) strip up over the yellow strip.
- The blue strip now lies flat on top.



# Step-by-Step Paper Spring Folding Instructions

## 3. Second Fold

- Take the strip that is underneath again.
- Fold it over the other strip.



*Example:*

- Fold the yellow (horizontal) strip sideways over the blue strip.

## 4. Repeat the Pattern

- Keep folding by following this rule:
- Always fold the strip on the bottom over the strip on the top.
- Press each fold firmly to make sharp creases.
- Continue until you reach the ends of the paper strips.



# Step-by-Step Paper Spring Folding Instructions

## 5. Finish the Spring

- When you reach the end, add a small dab of glue to the last fold.
- Press it down so it does not open.

You should now have a small, square, springy paper stack that can stretch and bounce.



## 6. Glue and Test Your Final Work

- Glue the horse template onto the top of the paper spring.
- Glue a paper plate to the bottom of the paper spring.
- Gently push the horse and watch it gallop.

