



Flat Mane Horse



Mohawk Mane Horse



Yarn Mane Horse

## DIY POOL NOODLE HOBBY HORSE INSTRUCTIONS



### BASIC SUPPLIES

Pen or pencil (for pattern markings on light colored felt)

Chalk or white pencil (for pattern markings on dark colored felt)

Paper scissors (to cut out pattern)

Good scissors (shears to cut felt)

Glue (Hot or Cold glue sticks and glue gun; Tacky Glue; E6000; glue dots; Elmer's extra strong)

Large rubber bands or pins or clothespins (to hold ears or mane in place while glue is drying)

Needle and thread (if making the 'mohawk' mane)

### SUPPLIES DEPENDING ON WHICH HORSE AND HOW MANY HORSES YOU WILL MAKE

#### Patterns for Pool Noodle Hobby Horse

**Cardstock** (a file folder will work) to trace pattern pieces if making more than one horse

**Felt** (or fabric that won't fray) pieces for outside eyes, pupils, nostrils, ears and mane

**Outside eye** (suggest white): One 9 x 12 felt piece is enough for 32 horses (2 per horse)

**Pupils & nostrils** (suggest black or dark brown): One 9 x 12 piece is enough for 32 horses  
(2 pupils and 2 nostrils per horse)

#### Ears:

**One-Piece Ear** (fits under the bend of the noodle – minimal gluing, no sewing)

**Outside Ear A:** One 9 x 12 felt piece is enough for 3 horses (1 per horse). Buying felt by the yard, a 1/3 yard piece (12") is enough for 24 horses.

**Inner Ear A** (Optional): One 9 x 12 felt piece is enough for 4 horses (1 per horse).  
Buying felt by the yard, a 1/3 yard piece is enough for 27 horses.

#### OR

**Two-Piece Ear** (Each ear is glued on the side of the 'head.' Sewing helps but not essential)

**Outside Ear B:** One 9 x 12 felt piece is enough for 5 horses (2 ears each)

**Inner Ear B:** (Optional): one 9 x 12 felt piece is enough for 7 horses (2 ears each)

**Manes:** **Flat Mane:** One 9 x 12 piece of felt is enough for 3 horses

**OR**

**Mohawk Mane:** One 9 x 12 piece of felt is enough for 2 horses

**OR**

**Yarn Mane:** 15 yards of yarn (a small ball) is plenty for each horse

**Pool Noodles:** One per child. However, if children are small, you may wish to cut the noodles in half. Pool noodles usually vary in size ranging from 46” to 54” long. If you are going to insert a dowel or PVC pipe into noodle, adjust the length of the noodle and dowel accordingly.

**Reins:** One yard of 1” wide strapping, ribbon, or webbing per horse. If you would like to use fabric, choose a non-raveling type of fabric like a vinyl. A yard of vinyl or similar fabric (it comes 54”wide), you can cut one-inch strips and have enough for 54 horses.

**Dowel or PVC pipe (optional):** If you wish to insert a dowel or PVC pipe, cut to desired length.

### **STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTION FOR POOL NOODLE HOBBY HORSE**

1. Gather all **supplies**.
2. **Cut out all the pieces** for the Hobby Horse you wish to make.
3. Fold the ‘face’ of the **Noodle** down at about 9”. Tie the **Reins** strap around the noodle tightly to hold the noodle bend in place.
4. Glue the **Pupils** of the eyes onto the **Outside Eyes**. Use clothes pins to hold in place until glue sets. Set aside.
5. If using the optional inner ears, glue the **Inner Ears** to the **Outside Ears**. Set aside until the glue sets.
6. **Ears: ONE-PIECE EARS:** Once the glue is set, fold the **Ear** piece in half lengthwise in the center and slide the ear piece through the noodle fold so that one ‘ear’ is on either side of the fold. Adjust ears so that they are facing somewhat forward. Put glue on the inside edge of the ears near the fold. At this step, you may wish to use a pin or rubber band around the horse’s head until the glue sets.

**OR**

**Ears: TWO-PIECE EARS:** Once the glue is set, fold each ear in half so it looks like a horse’s ear. At this time, you can put glue on the bottom portion of the ear, fold it in half and clothespin it until dry – or you can sew 2 or 3 stitches through all the layers to hold the bottom of the ear closed. Once glue is dry – OR – ear is sewn, glue each ear on the side of the horse’s head. You may wish to pin or use a rubber band around the horse’s head until the glue is dry.

7. Glue the **Eyes** in place.
8. Glue the **Nostrils** in place.
9. **Mane: FLAT MANE,** make 2½” cuts about ½” apart down the length of the mane leaving ½” uncut so you will be able to glue it to the noodle. Glue the mane from the forehead of the horse, down past the ears and down the back to the reins. Pin in place until glue sets. (Do not put the pins through the glued parts if the glue is still wet.)

**OR**

**Mane: MOHAWK MANE:** Fold your piece of felt in half. Using the dotted line on the pattern as a guide, sew a running stitch (it can be big stitches) down the length of the felt piece. At the end, tie a knot. Now, smash the sewn part flat so you have a gluing surface. Put a good-sized bead of glue

down this flat surface and place it on the horse's forehead, down past the ears and down its back. Pin in place until glue is set. (Do not put the pins through the glued parts if the glue is still wet.)

**OR**

**Mane: YARN MANE:** Using a 3 ½ " x 12" piece of **cardboard** (to make it easier to slide the yarn off, taper the cardboard slightly), wrap the yarn around and around for the length of the cardboard – not too tightly. Put glue on your horse's head, between the ears on the forehead and down the back of the head. Carefully slide the yarn off the cardboard (from the slightly bigger end toward the smaller end) and with one of the folded edges of the yarn, adhere along the glued stripe. Once all glued down and set, cut the other side of the folded yarn of the mane to make fringe.

10. Once all glue is set, remove pins.

11. Next you will want to trim the **Noodle** to the size you would like it to be (based on the child's size).

**12. Have fun Hobby Horsing!!!**

# Hobby Horsing USA Pool Noodle Hobby Horse 2-Ear Pattern Pieces



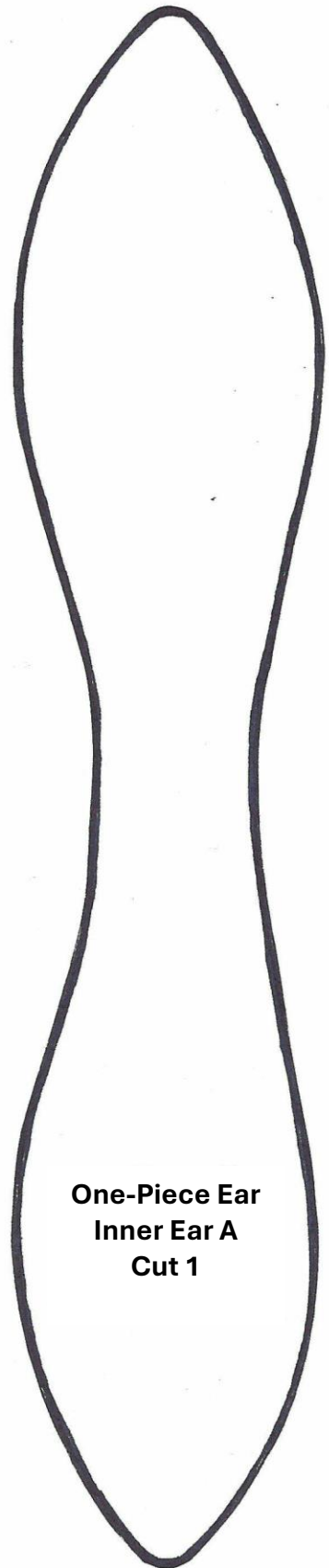
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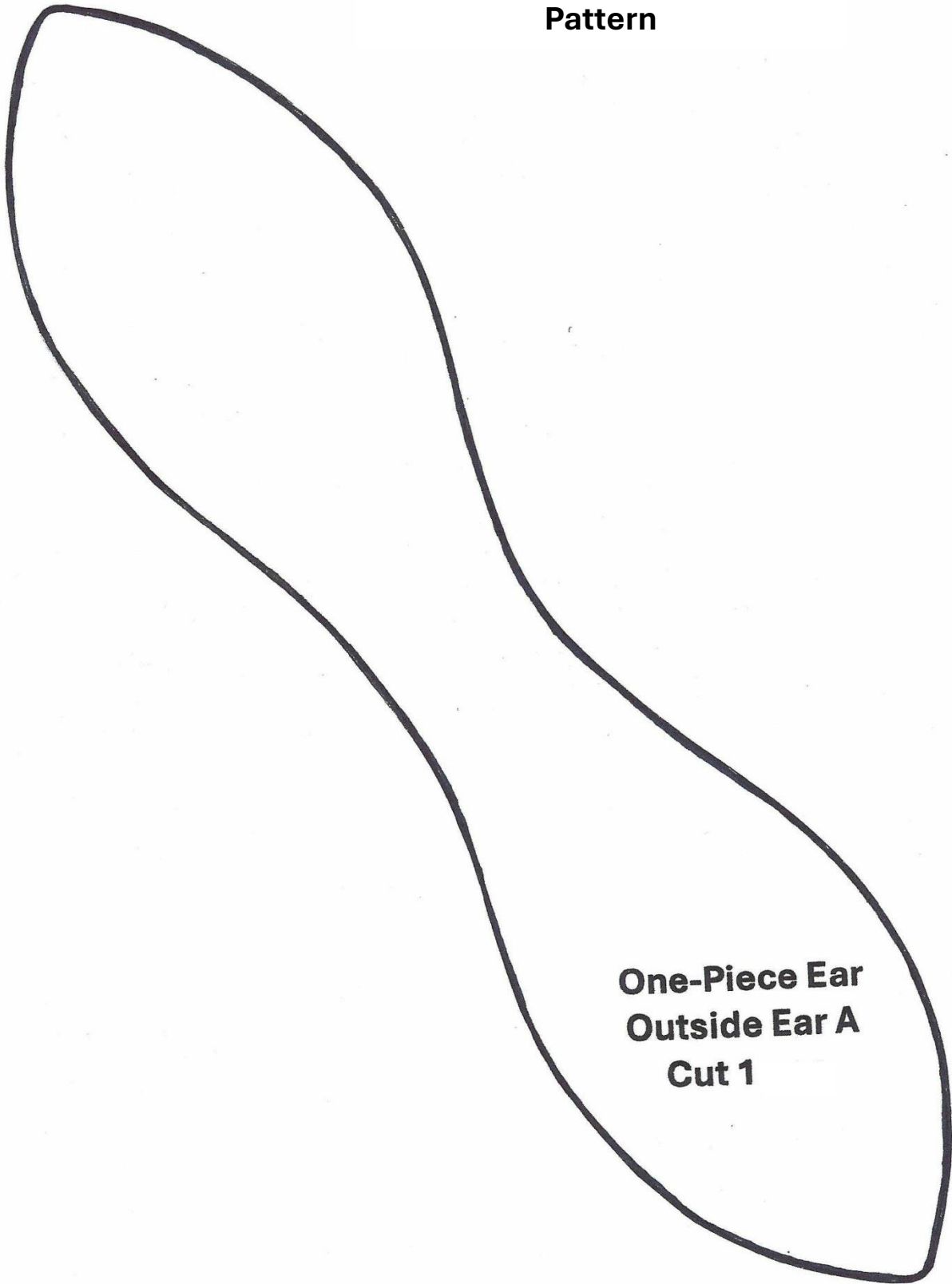
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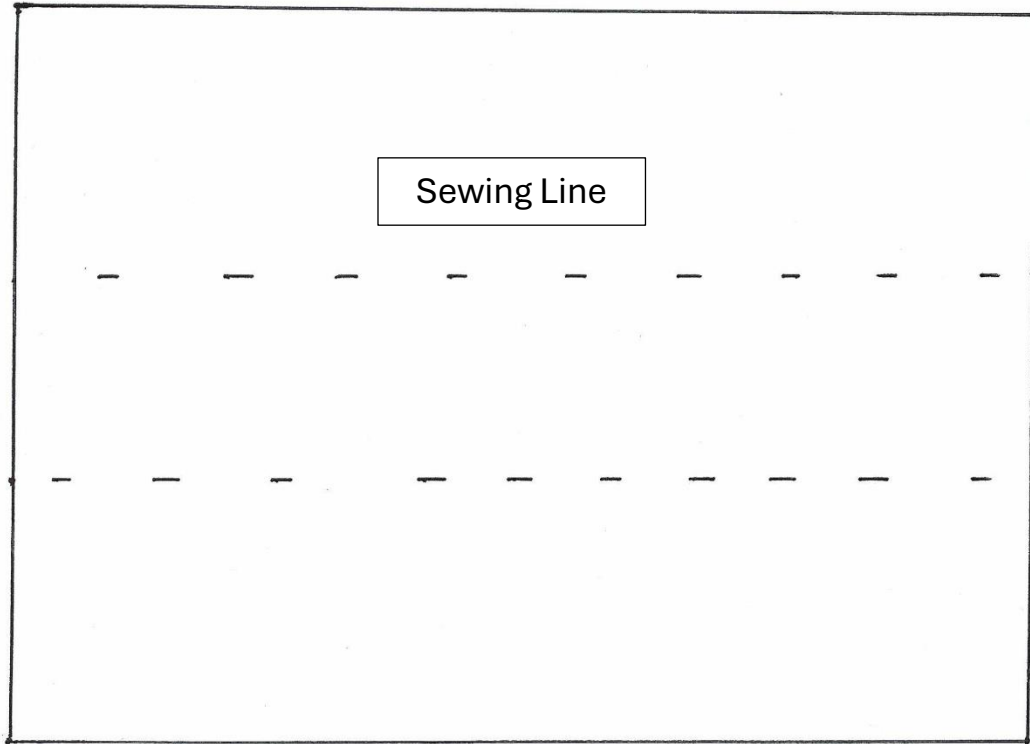


**Hobby Horse Pool Noodle  
One Piece Ear  
Pattern**

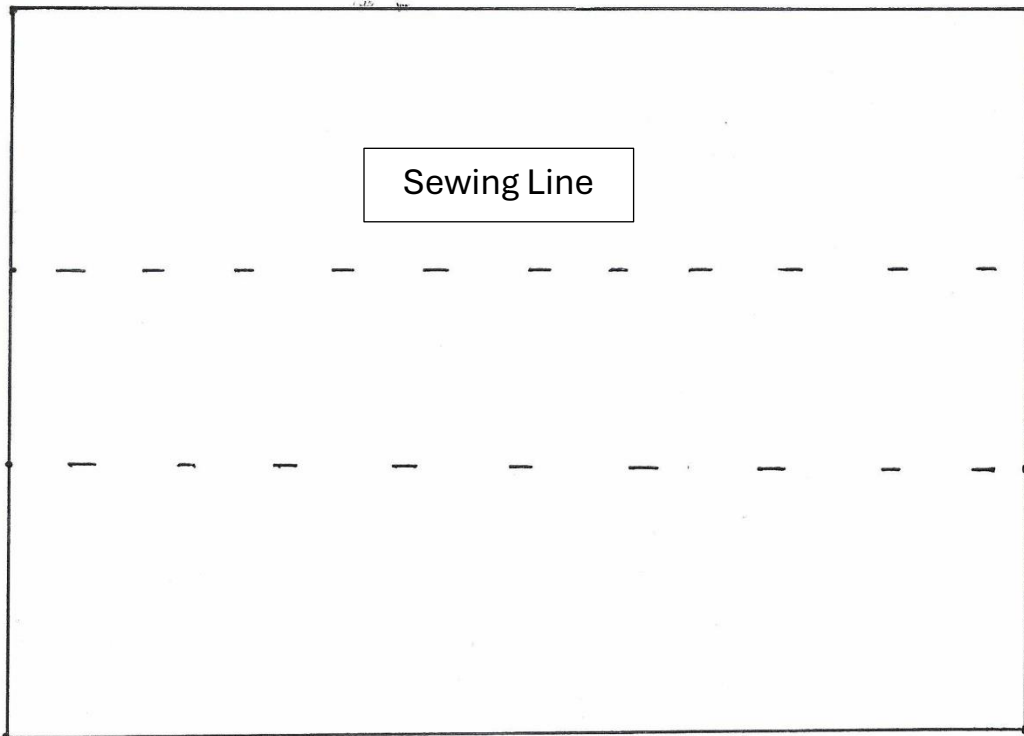


**One-Piece Ear  
Outside Ear A  
Cut 1**

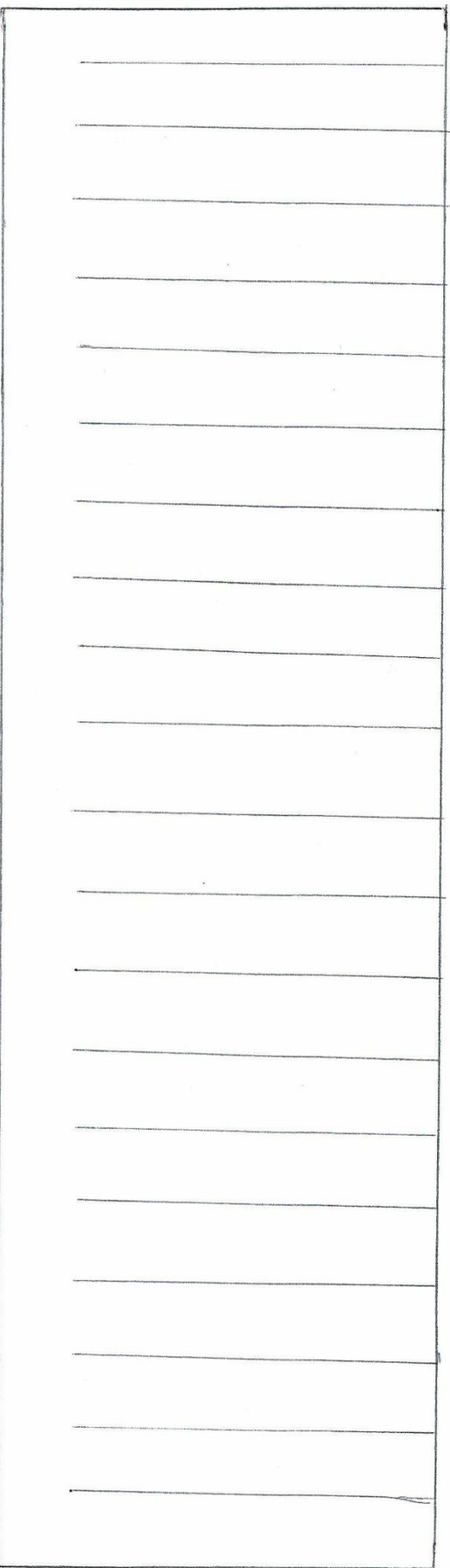
# Mohawk Mane (cut out and tape together)



Tape Together



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**Flat Mane – Cut 1** (make longer if needed)

**Cardboard Pattern for Yarn Mane** (make longer if needed)

