

A DALA A DAY



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The Dalahäst (Dalahorse)

A long time ago in the dark winters of Sweden, the dala-makers used their left over scraps of wood to make toys for children. After carving the horse it was painted with bright, happy colors in Dalarna (dalmålingar) style. The bright designs often include Kurbits (cucurbita) or imaginative gourd flowers which symbolize life and vitality.

Today the Dalahorse is loved around the world!

Get ready to see over 101 Dalas!
Some will be traditional and some will be experimental.

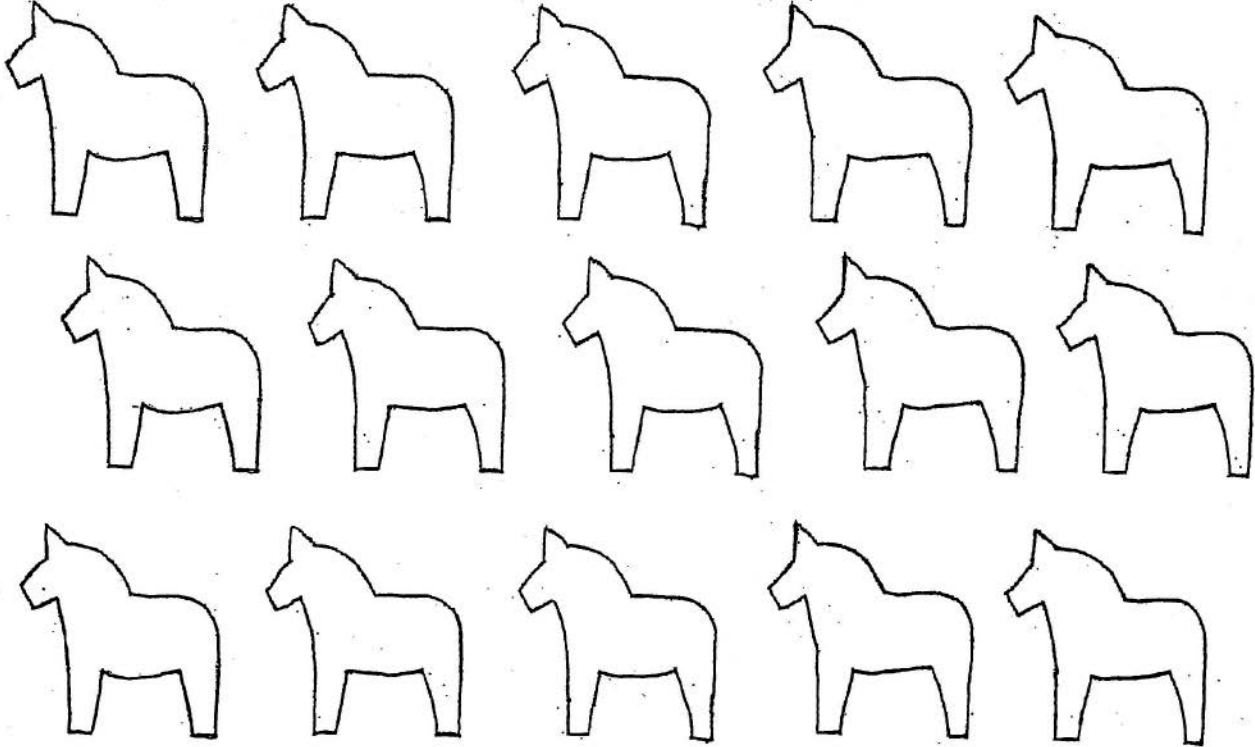
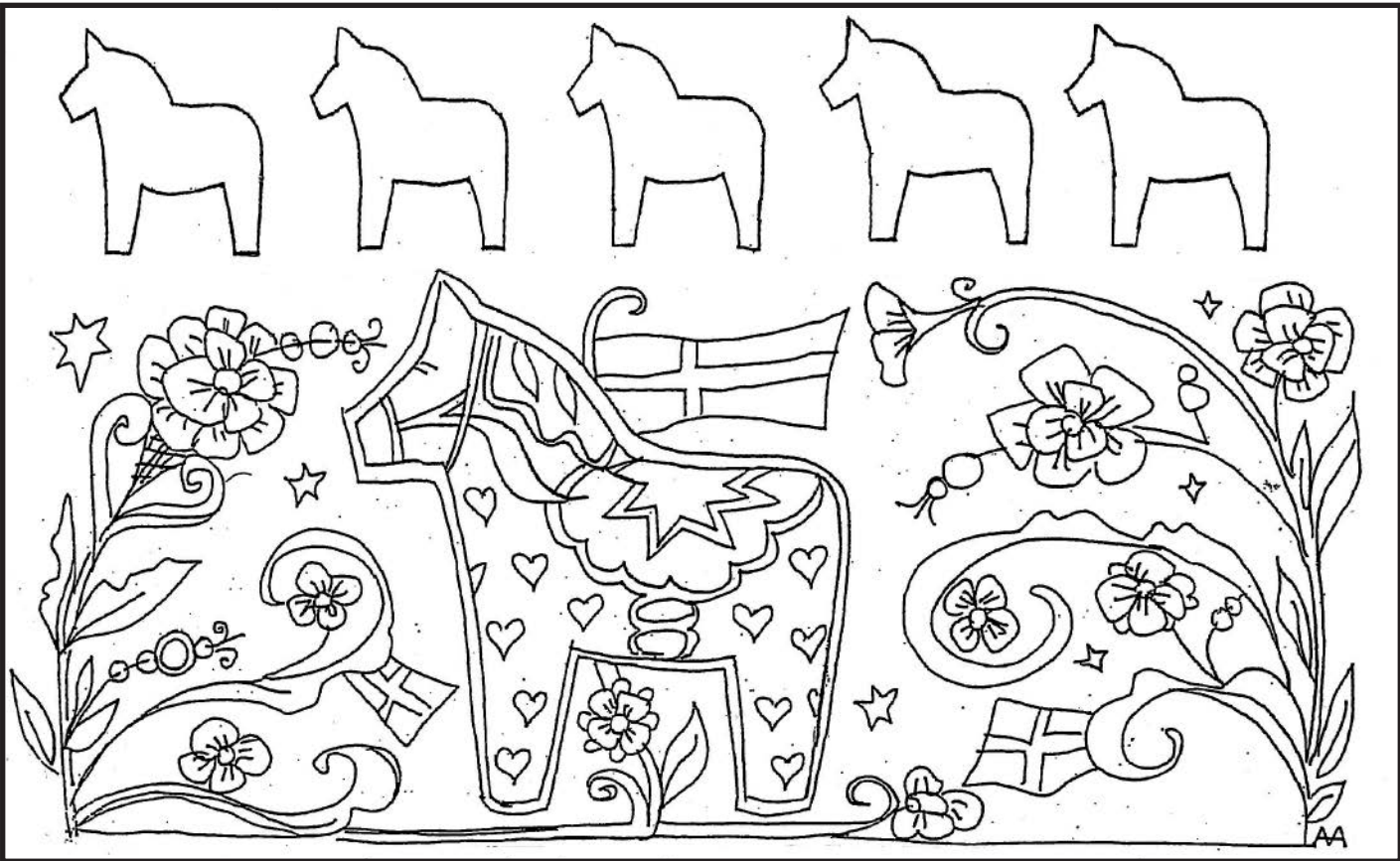
Welcome to the exhibit.

VÄLKOMMEN



Note: The Kurbit is drawn from the castor oil plant (Ricinus communis) which can grow up to 40' high!

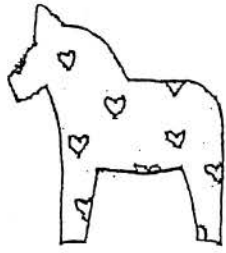
GLADA DALHÄSTERNA 101!



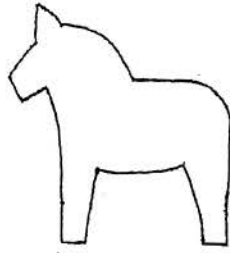
DECORATE AND COLOR 101 HIP HAPPY HORSES



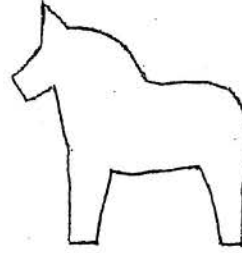
Stripes



Hearts



Stars



Zigzags



Diamonds



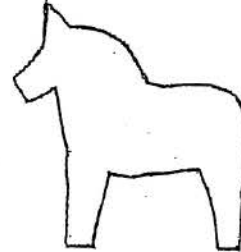
Spirals



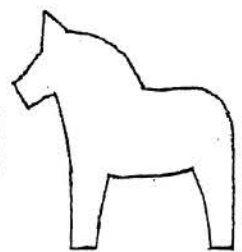
Rainbow



Leopard Spots



Specks



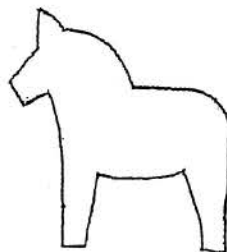
Flowers



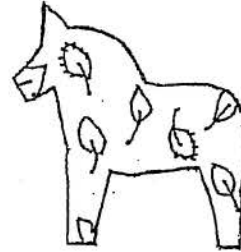
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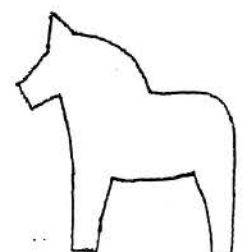
Waves



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Leaves



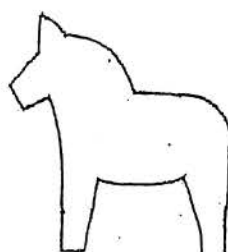
Lightning



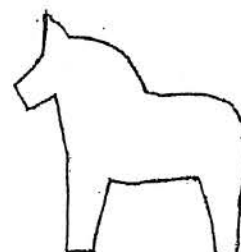
Tweed



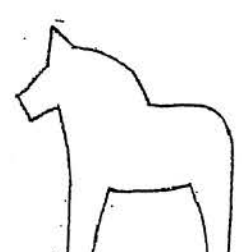
Squares



Feathers



Triangles



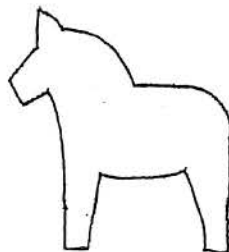
Strawberries



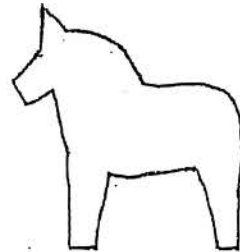
Checks



Plaid



Arrows

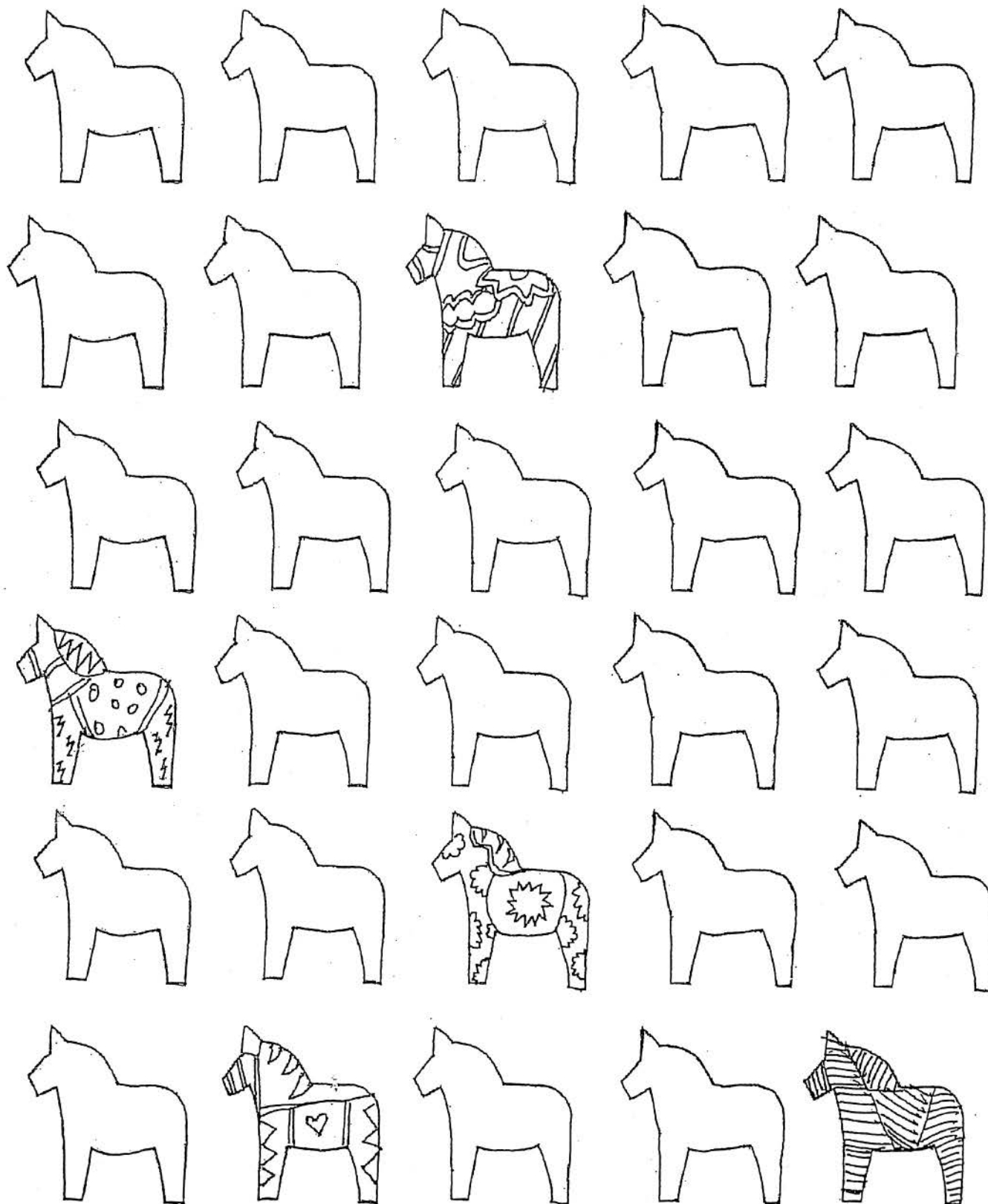


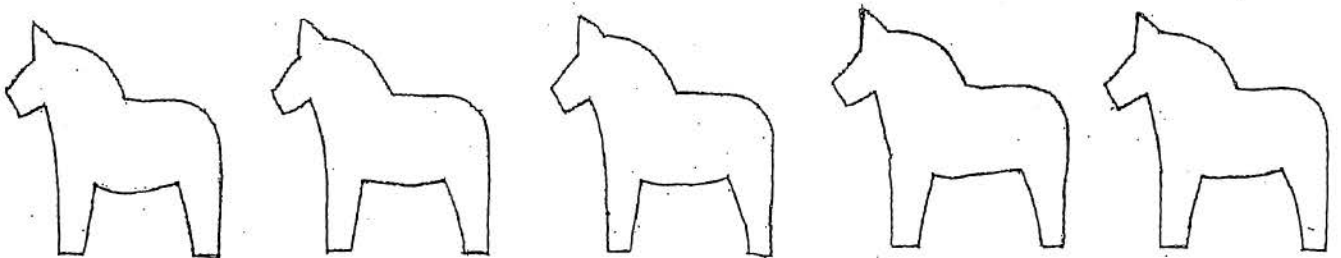
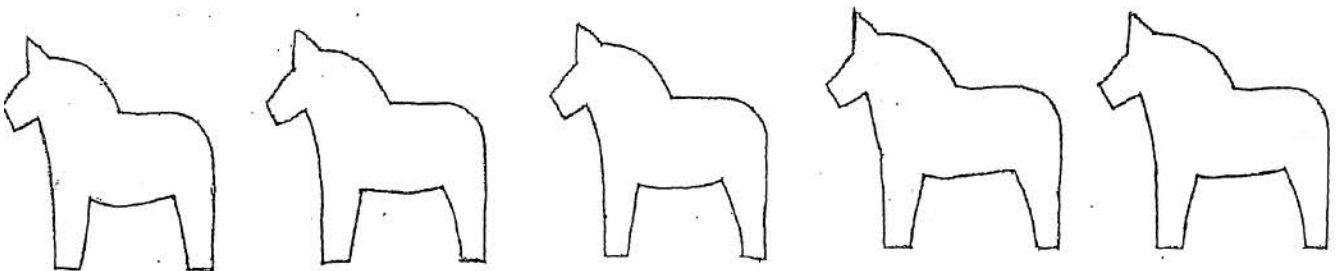
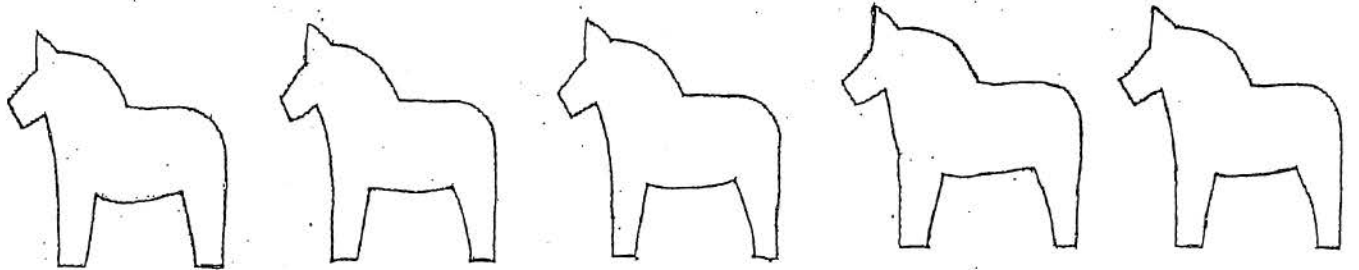
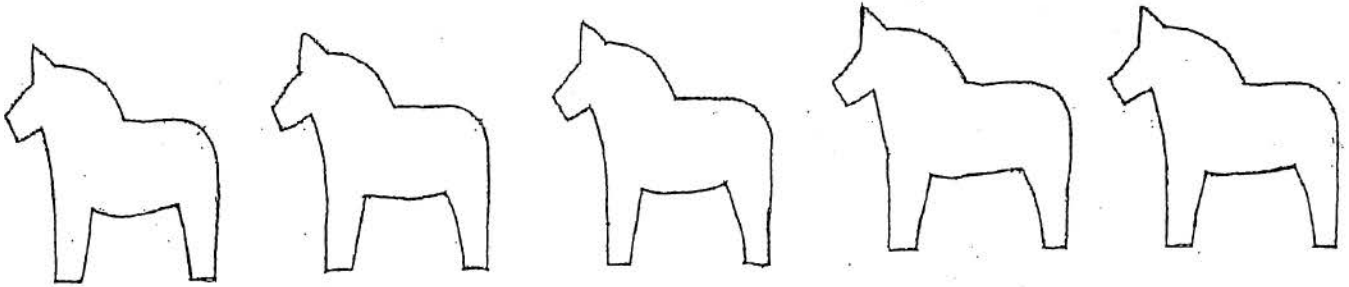
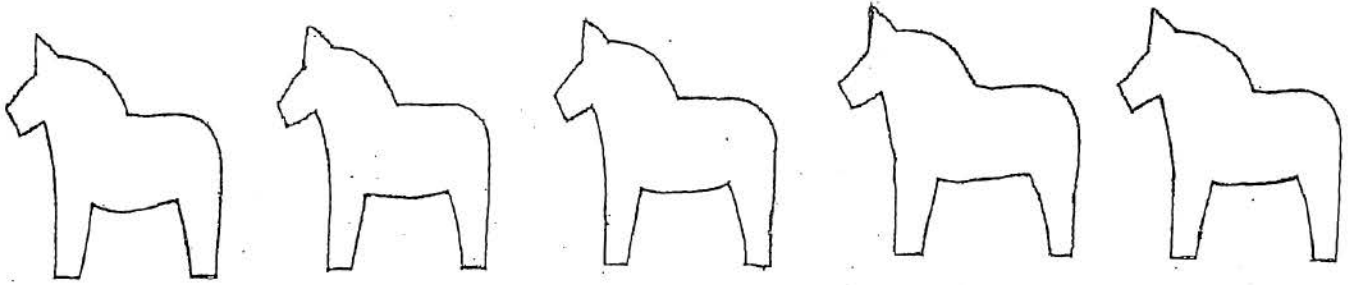
Hexagons



Clouds

COMBINE DESIGNS, ADD IN TRADITIONAL PATTERNS AND CREATE NEW ONES!

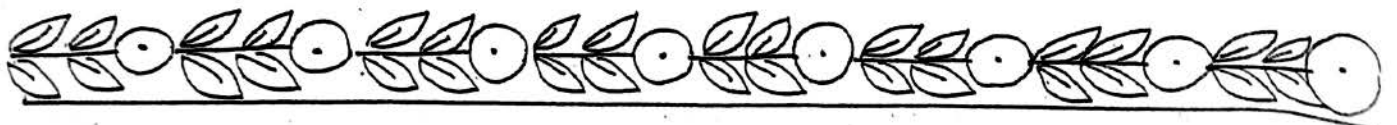




LOOK HOW MANY DESIGNS YOU HAVE MADE!



☆ Måla dalahästen ☆



ART IDEAS TO DO AT HOME

Make a Papier Mâché Horse

Materials

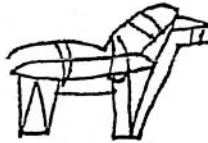
heavy wire
masking tape
newspaper
bowl
white bleached, flour
water
acrylic paint
styrofoam plate
water container
bristle brushes
smocks

Procedure

1. Build your horse: Start with wire and bend legs, a body, and a head.



2. Take a newspaper and scrunch it up and tape it onto the wire. Use a lot of tape.



3. In a bowl mix white flour and water to consistency of Swedish Pancakes!

4. Take strips of newspaper and dip them into the mixture. Completely cover the sculpture.

5. Let it dry.

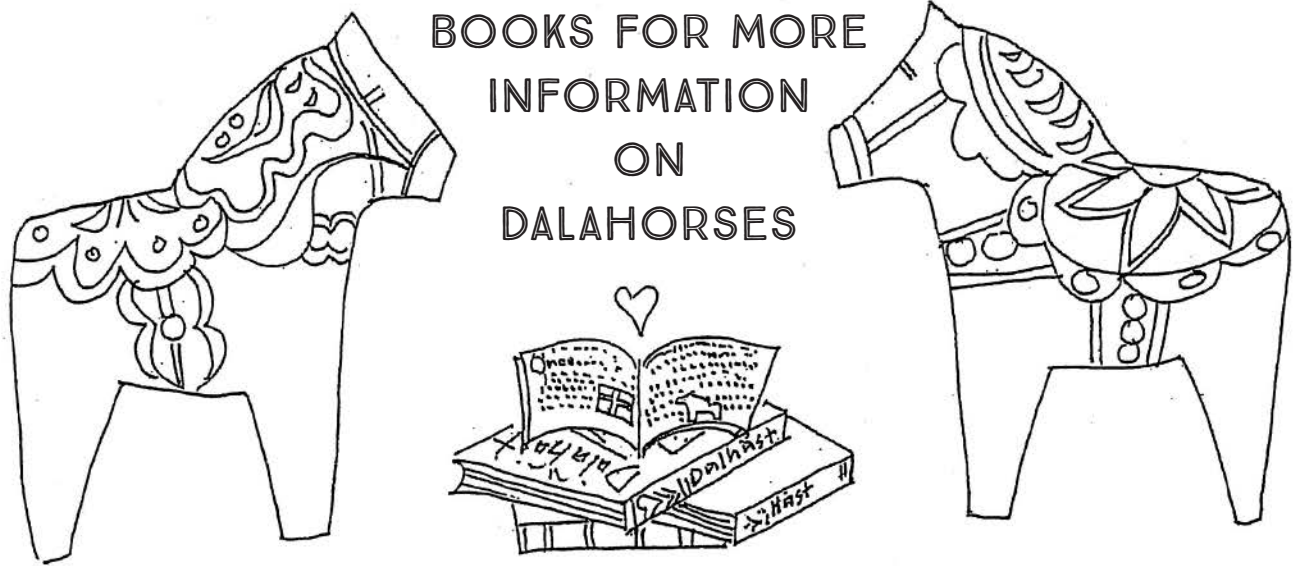
6. Paint! Use the plate as a palette. Apply the orange first and then add details with your small brush.

Dala Ornament

Materials: Glue, stiff felt (orange) colored felt for saddle, mane, and bridle. Pipe cleaner. Fabric paint in tubes, scissors.

Procedure: Trace the horse body onto felt cut out. Cut out and glue saddle, mane, and bridle. Add decorations with fabric paint. Punch a pipe cleaner into the body to hang.

(note: Acrylic will not come off clothes. Wear a smock and be sure to clean your paint brushes.)



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