

how to make a cardboard horse by ann wood



What you will need:

Cardboard - you can use any kind - I think a medium weight is good, I'm using cardboard from a gift box for this demonstration.

scissors

pencil

manicure scissors

hammer and one nail

buttons

thin wire

pliers

paint and brushes, glue, paper, fabric, lace etc. - whatever you like, whatever you've got.



First print the pattern, cut out the pieces and trace them onto your cardboard, I'm using an old box. I like to use a pair of manicure scissors for the difficult small bits - corners etc. I included an optional tail and mane in the pattern. I'm foregoing those for this horse and will add a tail and mane of antique lace.



You can finish your horse with collage or fabric or pencil - the possibilities are endless - but if you choose to paint like I am today, then paint both sides to prevent curling. I'm using latex paint for the base and adding some dapples from my water color box.



And some splatters of ink. You can use a stiff paint brush or old tooth brush and I used a fine sharpie pen to draw on a very simple eye and mouth.

Next I'm adding the antique lace mane and tail using a glue stick (or elmer's glue if you prefer). Once that is dry we're ready to assemble.





Arrange the legs with the body sandwiched between and use the nail to make a hole through all three layers. You'll need to put a piece of wood or heavy cardboard underneath to protect the surface you're working on.



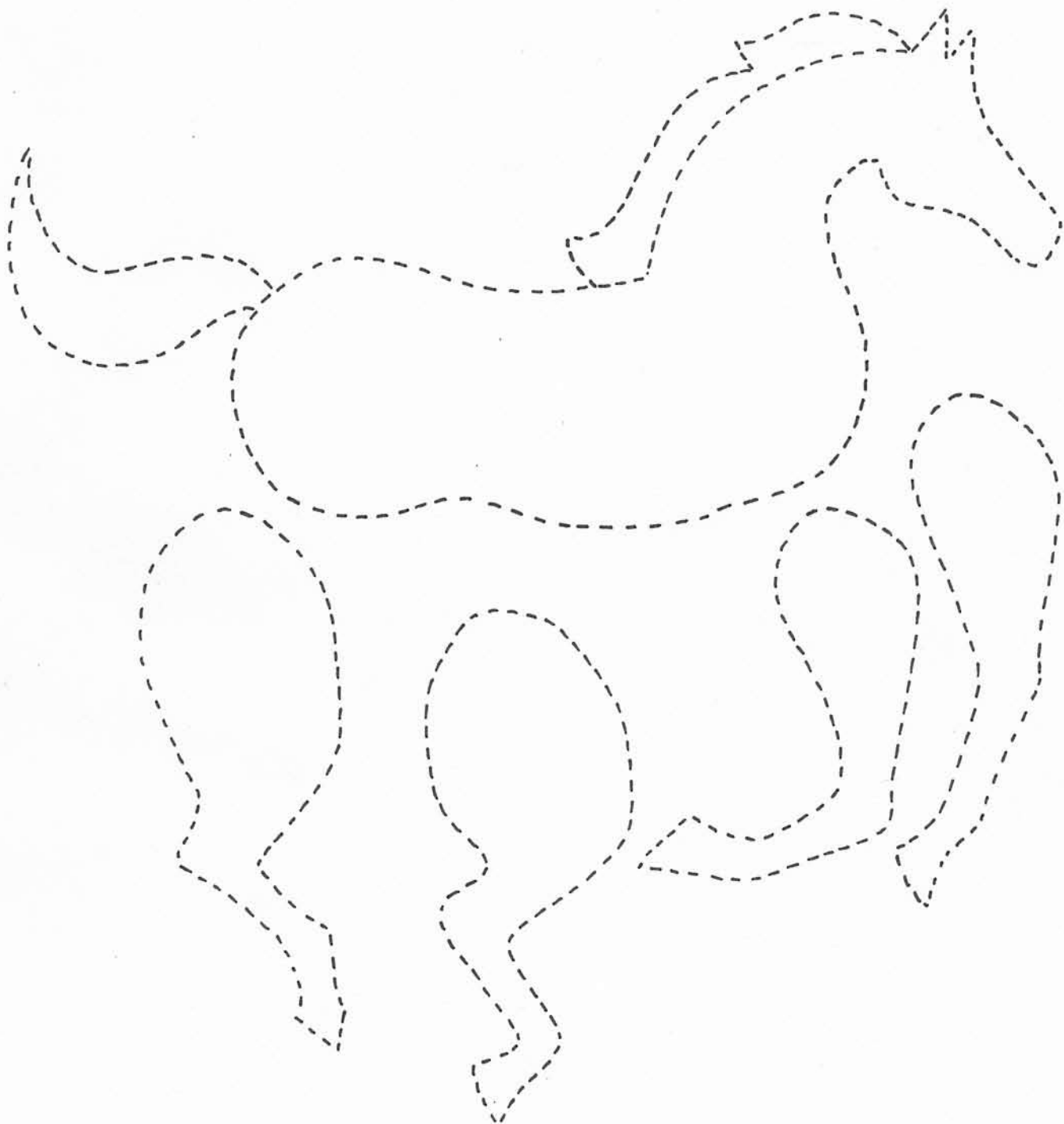
Thread the wire through the button holes and then pass both strands through the legs and body. Thread both wires through a small button on the back, pull it tight and twist to secure and trim the extra wire with pliers.



Add another piece of wire for hanging by twisting it around the buttons. I like to give all my horses a name, this is Sebold, horse #101.

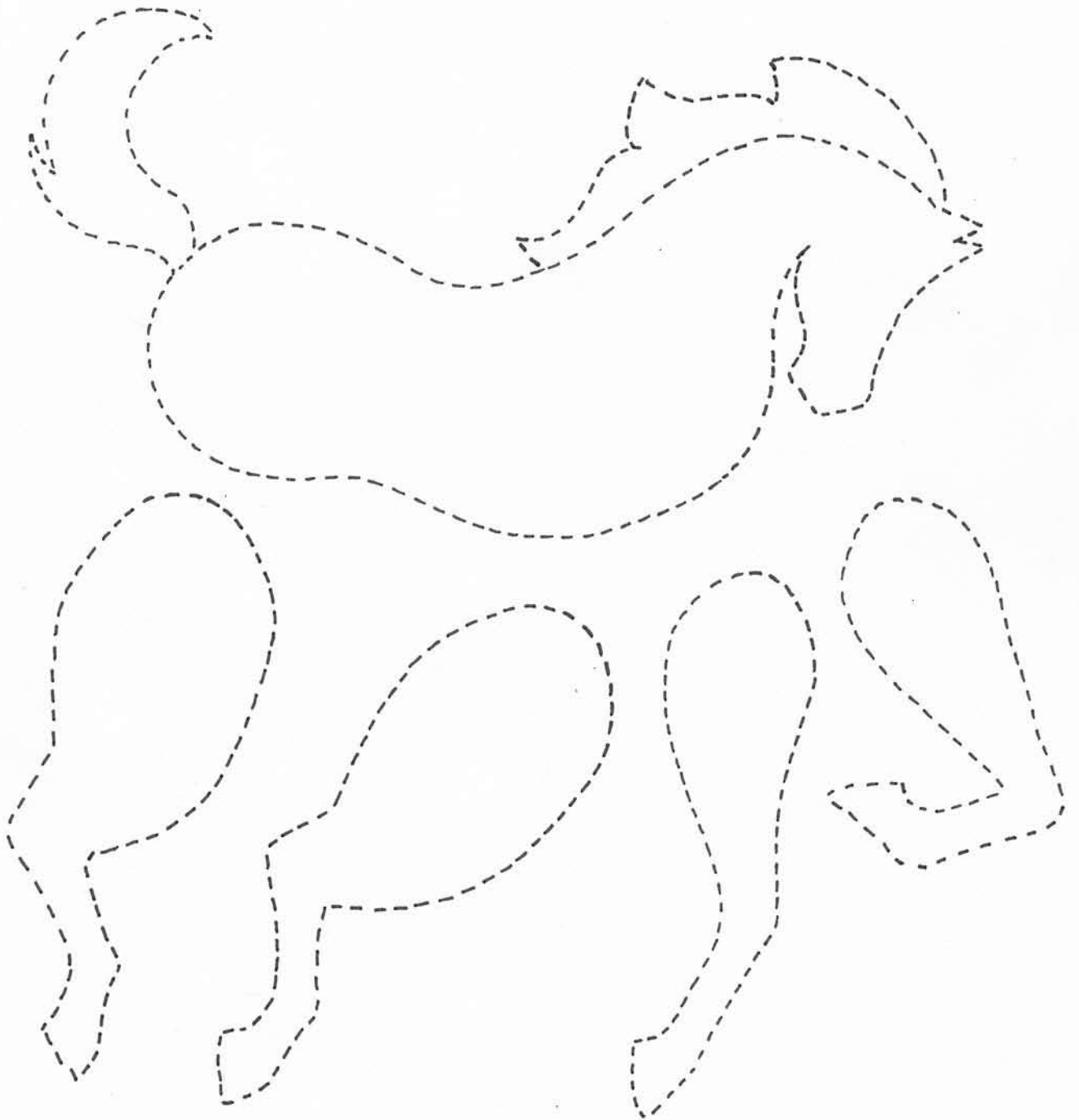
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