

PONY CLUB



Colours and Markings Mini Achievement Badge Workbook



Objectives Be able to identify basic colours and markings

- Key points
- Identify basic horse colours – black, bay, grey, skewbald, piebald, chestnut
 - Be able to identify facial markings – star, stripe, blaze, snip
 - Be able to identify leg markings – sock, stocking

This workbook is an introduction to the subject that it covers. As it is addressed primarily to young children, it is important that the instructor must be prepared to demonstrate the subject practically, and allow the member to practice the skills as frequently as required. It is highly recommended that the parent or the instructor read or explain the contents of the workbook to the child as it cannot be assumed that the child is able to read the information or instructions sufficiently well to achieve understanding.

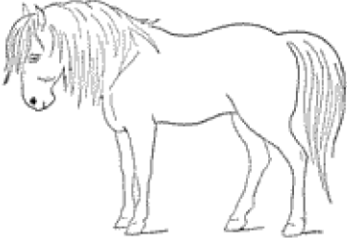
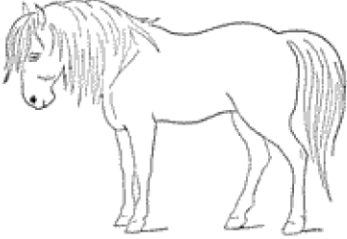
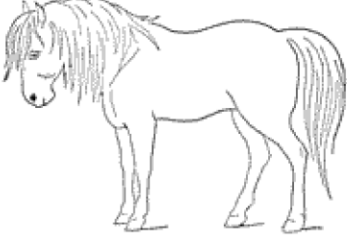
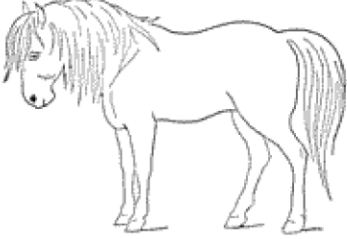
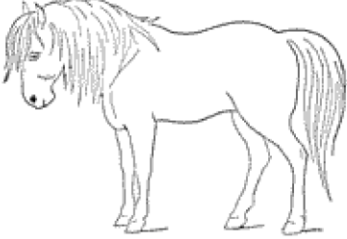
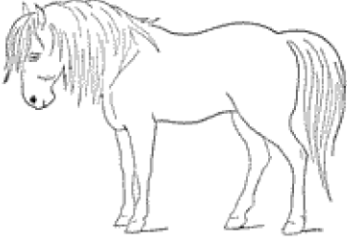
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What colour is that horse?

How can we tell what colour a horse is? Well, we look at their bodies for the colour of the coat, but we also need to look at their mane, tail and also what their leg colours are like.

The most common horse colours are described below. Colour in the pony in the correct colour as it is explained.

<p>Black</p>	<p>Body = black Mane & tail = black</p>	
<p>Bay</p>	<p>Body = A light brown or reddish brown colour Mane & tail = Black Legs = below the knee they are black</p>	
<p>Grey</p>	<p>Body = a mixture of black and white hairs. The result is the coat can look light grey, dark grey, or even white Mane & tail = Grey</p>	
<p>Skewbald</p>	<p>Body = their bodies are patches of white and one of these colours : brown, dun or grey Mane & tail = any colour</p>	
<p>Piebald</p>	<p>Body = their bodies are patches of white and black. <i>Think of a burnt pie being black.</i> Mane & tail = black or white, or even both</p>	
<p>Chestnut</p>	<p>Body = reddish brown body Mane & tail = the same colour as the body, or a little bit lighter Legs = the same colour as the body</p>	

Face markings

A "facial marking" is the kind of pattern that a horse or pony may have on their face. Look at the 4 different types of marks they could have.



Star



Stripe



Blaze



Snip

Leg markings

Be able to identify leg markings – sock and stockings



Sock



Stocking

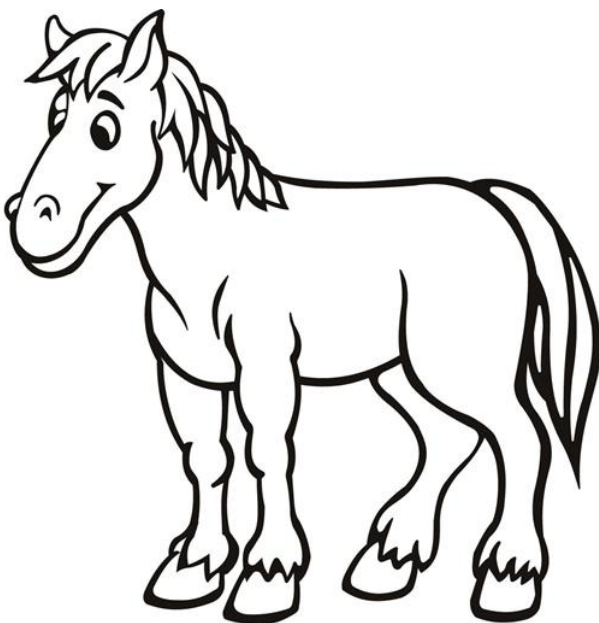
Things to do

1. Go through some horse magazines and look for pictures of horses of different colours, and see if you can identify them all. Look at their face and leg markings too
2. Go to the paddock at your riding school or when you are looking through books and magazines. Can you find examples of all the different colours?

Colour	How Many Horses?	Markings	How Many Horses?
Black		Star	
Bay		Stripe	
Grey		Blaze	
Skewbald		Snip	
Piebald		Sock	
Chestnut		Stocking	

3. Which is the most common colour?

4. What colours and markings does your pony have? Colour in the picture below to make it look like your pony, and label the face and leg markings



My pony's name: _____

My pony's colour: _____

Leg markings: _____

Face marking: _____

Test yourself

Draw the markings on the faces below. Try not to look at your notes unless you really can't remember!



Snip



Star



Stripe



Blaze

If your pony is bay, what colour are these parts of his/her body?

Body

Mane & tail

Legs

The pony below is a piebald. Colour it in with the correct colours. Give the pony a sock as well. Can you name the kind of marking the pony has on its face?

