

Horse & Rider Halloween Costumes





Hello

Almost every year, my HorseCrazyGirls website hosts a Horse Halloween Costume Contest. And over the years, we have gotten in some wonderful costumes. While almost all these costumes can be seen on the website, I wanted to create an eBook where you could also take notes on the different horse and rider costumes and sketch out your own ideas.

I hope you love the eBook and will be a part of the horse club!

Sydney & Sinatra

Pool Party, Here We Come!



How the costume was made:

I started looking around for pool party themed stuff, but being the middle of September, it was a little difficult.

I came up with the idea for Roxy's costume while looking online. She is pretty much bombproof, and this is the first year I could dress up my very own horse, being that Roxy is the first pony I've ever owned.

Cost of the costume:

Everything I got for her costume was a bargain and finding her pool ring and my swim vest brand new at garage sales was a huge plus. I used a pool ring around her neck, a beach towel on her butt, goggles around her ears, and last, but not least, a snorkel attached to her bridle.

DATE:

Pool Party, Here We Come!

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Harry Styles and Louis Tomlinson from One Direction



How the costume was made:

For my costume, I took Louis' signature look with the red jeans, striped shirt, suspenders, his tattoos, as well as a mask of his face that I made by cutting out a larger poster of his face, sticking it onto cardboard, and attaching it to a headband. For Bana, he had on a Harry Styles headband as well as his signature tattoos (the two birds and butterfly on his chest). On each leg, he had the other members' famous tattoos. He had bell boots on his feet that said "One" and "Direction" with arrows going in one direction. I used a blanket and attached One Direction posters that I got from magazines, the computer, and homemade ones. I used old scratched CDs to draw the CDs that they have released.

I also used items that represent different One Direction related things like a spoon (Liam said he's scared of spoons), carrots (Louis said he likes girls with carrots), 3D glasses (from their movie), etc. I also had their songs playing and did their signature dance moves from their music videos.

Cost of the costume:

Was not given by the person who submitted the costume.

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Harry Styles and Louis Tomlinson from One Direction

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Agnus, Edith, and The Fluffy Unicorn!



How the costume was made:

I used a poster board and spray paint for her horn. I went to Salvation Army and found pretty much all our clothes. Instead of dying her mane and tail pink, I just braided pink boas in them to give the idea that they were pink. I spray painted bell boots to give the feel she had pink hooves and there is a minion attached to the back of the saddle, you just can't see it.

Cost of the costume:

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Agnus, Edith, and The Fluffy Unicorn!

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

1 Horsepower Horsey Davidson



How the costume was made:

We started with standard foam poster board you get at Wal-Mart. We then drew the wheels, painted them and cut them out. We did the same for the other poster boards we used to mount the engine parts to. The cylinders for the engines are milk cartons that we simply cut in half, painted as desired, and mounted to the board with tie wraps, along with a couple of plastic canisters that we cut the bottom off to make the crank case.

We used cardboard wrapping paper tubes for the exhaust pipes and cut some flames out of construction paper and tie wrapped everything together. Then, we painted the parts of the board. You could still see the same color as the horse. The handlebars are made of less than \$5 worth of PVC pipe and fittings from Home Depot, glued together and painted, then we put electrical tape for grips.

1 Horsepower Horsey Davidson (continued)

To mount the engines on the horse (one on each side), we simply used some sections of rope to tie the two together and let the whole thing hang over the horse's back.

We strapped the handlebars on the horn with rubber bands and tie wrapped the front wheels on the breast plate.

I had originally made a PVC contraption to fit over the horse's head and hold the front wheel out in front of the horse's legs and under his chin, but he would not accept it, so we went with the simple tie wrap and added another wheel for the other side.

Cost of the costume:

This costume was very inexpensive to make and can be put together in a short period of time, although we spent a little extra time with the details.

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1 Horsepower Horsey Davidson

YOUR THOUGHTS

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Duck Dynasty Meets the Horse



How the costume was made:

I bought 2 blankets at a fabric store and sewed them together and made a loop in the fabric where I put a string through to tie to his halter to keep it in place.

I also bought 2 natural-colored feather boas and used one to sew onto where his mane would be. The other boa I tied into his tail!

Then, I purchased a Duck Dynasty Si costume that included a beard, hat, and vest.

Splash wore the hat that I cut two holes into to attach to the halter and the beard I tied to his halter. I wore the vest, bought a beard, and wore my own camo hat!

Cost of the costume:

The costume cost about \$100 total.

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Duck Dynasty Meets the Horse

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Do You Wanna Build a Snowman?



How the costume was made:

The costume is completely designed and created by myself. I made a body sheet of brown fleece, cut out a mask of longer white fur that I trimmed with a clippers to a shorter nap around the face, and built up the higher withers out of upholstery foam which I then covered in long white fur.

The hooves are made of felt. I was able to get a general shape for the part that covered his hooves by using a bell boot as a pattern piece.

The antlers have a wire armature welded to a metal crown that is secured to his leather bridle, the armature is covered in quilt batting and a cover of muslin.

My dress is adapted from a Burda sewing pattern. The colorful decorations on the skirt and bodice are appliqués of felt. I purchased the wig and Olaf stuffed animal to complete the look. Oh, and the googly eyes were purchased as well. Every costume is better with googly eyes!

Do You Wanna Build a Snowman? (continued)

Cost of the costume:

As I have constructed this costume over the past three months, I don't have a solid total for the money spent creating it. All the fabric was purchased on sale or with coupons.

I estimate I invested about \$150 to put this costume together.

For me, constructing the costume is a great creative challenge and provides me with an escape from the stresses that every day life presents, so it is a good \$150 spent.

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Do You Wanna Build a Snowman?

YOUR THOUGHTS

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Brave Trio: Merida, Queen Elinor, and Will o' the Wisp



How the costume was made:

I started with barely a week to go before the party. I was making the Merida and Queen Elinor costumes from scratch and crafting accessories, so I had a lot of work to do. I had ordered stretch panne velvet fabric in teal and sage from Fabric.com which had the perfect texture as well as being very easy to work with.

I started on the Queen Elinor dress basing it on an easy medieval pattern with only side seams that I adjusted by adding in the split in the skirt and extending the sleeves. I first made a mockup using a bedsheet to check fit before I cut my nice fabric and sewed the actual dress on my machine. The dark green fabric was a pair of sweatpants that I cut up and added in. The gold braid for the neckline was from a past project. I added embroidery especially around the sleeves to add in gold around the edges.

Brave Trio: Merida, Queen Elinor, and Will o' the Wisp (continued)

The crown was made of gold glittery craft foam with a puffy painted jewel. The belt was made of thin wooden disks covered in the gold craft foam. I punched holes in them with an awl so I could link the disks with jewelry chain. The center hollow circle was the inner loop from a small embroidery hoop that was spray painted gold. The dangling circles were made from gold floral wire from Dollar Tree, superglued to secure them, and linked with more of the jewelry rings. To make the belt fit, I added a chain section since there was not enough room for another circle. My mom had a dark green turtleneck in her closet that she wore under the overdress to complete her outfit.

Sunshine's Merida costume was designed as a shoulder guard with an attached skirt to make it easy to put on and take off. Because I am stubborn, I didn't spend the small amount to buy a pattern for a shoulder guard instead making it up as I went. Thankfully, I did another mockup, and it turned out really well. I sewed a nylon strap onto the shoulder guard and included a parachute buckle to fasten under her belly. I also sewed in Velcro along the length of the edge of the shoulder guard and the opposite side of the Velcro along the front of the skirt to attach the two securely.

Once I sewed in the lace that I cut off of a table runner I found around the neckline, her dress was good to go. I had to make and attach her bow, quiver, and arrows still. I bought an inexpensive belt at Walmart in the largest size and braided a yarn "cinch" so that it could be secured all the way around her. I chose the belt because it had two rows of holes punched through it that I used to lace on and attach the bow and quiver. The longbow I already had.

Brave Trio: Merida, Queen Elinor, and Will o' the Wisp (continued)

The quiver was made of a piece of brown craft foam that was hole punched and laced with faux suede cord. I also puffy painted swirls onto the quiver for decoration. The arrows are wooden dowels with craft foam "fletching" superglued on. The belt stayed secured with items attached without any additional help. For the finishing touch, we braided Sunshine's mane the day before so that it was nice and curly and wavy.

I kept my Will o the Wisp costume minimal because I knew that the other two costume would take time. I bought a blue hoodie from Walmart and spray painted the sleeves, hood, and outer edges of the jacket a darker blue similar to the wisps in the movie. My headpiece is cut and layered blue craft foam superglued onto a spray-painted headband. I also spray painted a cloth to cover my lantern. Although it didn't read as well in the daylight, once it became dim the lantern glowed blue and everyone could follow the light of the wisp.

Cost of the costume:

The fabric was the greatest cost although I got a good deal on it, and I bought too much so I have some left over for other projects. I also had to buy thread, Velcro, nylon strapping, parachute buckle, belt, faux suede lacing, wooden dowels, craft foam in various colors, floral wire, wooden circles, hoodie, spray paint, etc. I cut costs by using a lot of found items from my house and leftovers from previous projects. Based on what I had to buy for these costumes, the Queen Elinor costume cost about \$23, the Merida costume cost about \$35, and the Will o' the Wisp costume cost about \$17.

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Brave Trio: Merida, Queen Elinor, and Will o' the Wisp

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

The Frozen Trio!



How the costume was made:

I did not make my dress or my Olaf, but I made the breast collar for Max, and added the ruffles on to the reins. I hand-sewed everything, and let me tell you, NEVER hand sew ruffles! Its a lot of time and patience!

Cost of the costume:

Well, the dress itself cost a pretty penny, it was a birthday gift from my Grandparents. But my friend had given me a lot of fabric at the beginning of the year for free, my Grandparents bought me Olaf, and I found the antlers in the attic, so all I had to do was buy was the hooks and the ribbon, so not even \$15.

DATE:

The Frozen Trio!

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Mario Kart



How the costume was made:

For our human costumes, I ran to Value Village and found a green and red long-sleeved shirt and grabbed the "Mario and Luigi Costume Packs" that had the hats, suspenders and moustaches. The Princess Peach costume came as a set, and I bought the wig from Wal-Mart.

For the horses, I found red, green and pink sheets at Value Village that we folded, cut, and sewed so they formed around their necks and Velco-ed the front closure on their chests. The rest was cardboard and paper.

The front bumpers were cardboard boxes that we cut up and spray-painted silver, cut out some white paper and colored on the logos and headlights. The wheels were strips of cardboard rolled up around a circle of cardboard with shiny paper glued/stapled to it, and the spoilers on the back were also cut up spray-painted cardboard boxes with tabs that we duct taped on and stuck under the saddles to hold them on, the cloud shapes on the spoilers were just construction paper glued on. We also vet wrapped our headstalls to match and tied ribbons in their manes.

Cost of the costume:

It cost approx. \$40 per costume

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Mario Kart

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Punk Rockin' Horse



How the costume was made:

Lots of visits to thrift stores! And liberal use of Duct Tape!

All the punk spike belts, chains (dog leash and collar) and the awesome leopard print pants came from thrift stores, as did the red mohawk wig.

The jacket was plain black from a thrift store, and we got spikes and studs from craft stores and applied them to the jacket, as well as to bridle/rein covers (sleeves made of black duct tape so the bridle stayed intact), leg boots, bell boots, and leg bands, all made from various patterns of duct tape and peel n' stick Velcro, with the studs.

The UK flag was cheap on the internet.

Punk Rockin' Horse (continued)

For Xander's mane, we used ponytail holders to mohawk it and painted it with red spray hair paint (which he tolerated well enough). The tail colors were done with Dollar Store hair extensions attached with barrettes.

Cost of the costume:

It would be a bit of a guess since I have some leftover supplies but let me just say, yay, Thrift Stores! The wig was \$2, belts about \$2 each, flag about \$5, jacket \$5, and bags of studs and spikes are just a few dollars each. Duct tape \$4/roll but I have lots left! I'm guessing altogether <\$45.

DATE:

Punk Rockin' Horse

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Zombie Horse and Cowgirl



How the costume was made:

My friend and I did the make and my zombie outfit. We started to work on me first which took some time. Then we started on General, and he was really enjoying the photos and time. We took 100 pictures that day. All the pictures came out so amazing! Thought maybe after all the time and work we put into it we could share it. I think his smile and mine make the picture.

Cost of the costume:

We only spent money on the make up. It was about 10 dollars. It was cheap for us since we just used old clothes and make up. Probably one of the cheapest costumes I have ever made. LOL! It was not store-bought.

DATE:

Zombie Horse and Cowgirl

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Biker Girl on her Awesome Ride



How the costume was made:

Last year, we did Miss Muffet and the Itsy-Bitsy Spider, it has since been posted all over the internet so you may have seen it.

This year, to top that, I tried to think of something that was different that had not been seen before and that would at the same time be safe for the rider, the horse, and other participants.

We came up with this idea and used PVC pipe (since lightweight), painted it chrome in color, used swim noodles for tires and shocks, shoe boxes for headers, cardboard tubing for tailpipes lots of Velcro, paint and lots of hairspray and patience.

Cost of the costume:

The person who submitted this costume did not include this information.

DATE:

Biker Girl on her Awesome Ride

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Patrick the Miniature Horse as the Hypogriff



How the costume was made:

We bought my costume, but Patrick's is made of a base piece of cloth and a belt around his chest and girth attached to it. We then attached multiple feather boas to the body and a pair of angel wings and airbrushed them to match his coat. The den goes for the head as far as the base material and then just a foam beak attached.

Cost of the costume:

It cost approximately \$250-\$300 in total.

DATE:

Patrick the Miniature Horse as the Hypogriff

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Rainbow Brite and Sprite



How the costume was made:

We spent time measuring my 16'2 TB/Percheron mare and putting all the pieces together to make her the princess she is.

Cost of the costume:

With fabric for both costumes, it came to \$150.00 (that was the biggest piece of Brite blue fabric I have ever purchased). LOL!

DATE:

Rainbow Brite and Sprite

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

I think I need a bigger boat!



How the costume was made:

I scored on the grey and white fabric, which was on sale closeout for \$3.99/yard plus an additional 20% off my total purchase price using a JoAnn Fabrics coupon (yay!). I did require nearly twelve yards of fabric between the shark costume and the vinyl for the boat.

A trip to the hardware store provided me with my PVC braces to keep the tail straight and to give rigidity to my vinyl boat. I use a harness underneath the body sheet to fasten the PVC "skeleton" that consists of a shaft on each side, joined by two 45-degree PVC angles meeting in the middle to a "T" to which the tail piece is attached. The shorter lengths are glued together, but I decided to bolt the longer pieces in place so the apparatus could be dismantled for ease of storage.

I think I need a bigger boat! (continued)

The most complicated and challenging part of the costume was the nosepiece of the shark. It is made of spray foam that was sprayed on a cardboard form and carved into shape to give bulk to the shark's nose. I think that the effort was worth it as it gave the costume a more realistic look than if it weren't used at all. The foam is lightweight, and it didn't seem to cause issues to my horse

I splurged and spent \$20 on a beard and mustache attached by spirit gum. Nobody recognized me, so I think it was worth the investment! The jacket is a new winter jacket for me for this year, so I did not figure it (or the hat) into the cost estimate as they serve a second purpose.

Cost of the costume:

In all, I have about \$150 invested in creating this costume.

DATE:

I think I need a bigger boat!

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Pokey the Pumpkin Patch



How the costume was made:

I made this with foam pumpkins, glitter, fabric and lots of hot glue.

Cost of the costume:

It cost \$150.

DATE:

Pokey the Pumpkin Patch

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Pokey the Seahorse/Mermaid



How the costume was made:

I made this all by hand using fabric, cardboard, and lots of hot glue.

Cost of the costume:

It cost almost \$200.

DATE:

Pokey the Seahorse/Mermaid

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS



How the costume was made:

Jay's outfit took 6+ hours to paint her purple with human biodegradable body paint, 2 hours to paint all the flowers and vines on her. Her saddle was an English saddle that I sewed a felt cover for and slipped it over the saddle to protect it from all the paint. Her "pole" was a PVC pipe attached to 1/2 a solo cup, foam wrapped around the cup and slide under the saddle for comfort for Jay. I attached a gold ball at the top with streamers. Her hooves was painted with Elmer's glue and sprinkled with glitter. My costume was bought and enhanced to depict Mary Poppins exactly.

Cost of the costume:

With the purchase of my outfit, paint, glue, felt, and glitter-- \$37.00 The most expensive part was the human tattoo body paint.

DATE:

SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Horse in the Hat



How the costume was made:

We bought red leggings and T-shirts and then cut and sewed a white fabric circle onto the shirts after writing "Thing 1" and "Thing 2". For the hat, I covered it in red fabric and then cut out a strip of white for the stripe. The brim is just a painted cardboard circle which made it perfect to cut holes and mount to the halter. For our crazy hair, we took blue tinsel and pinned it to our beanies.

Cost of the costume:

The costume only cost us \$26 because we had all the other material at home.

DATE:

Horse in the Hat

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Purple Sugar Skull Bride



How the costume was made:

The dress was a vintage wedding dress from a thrift store, 2 sizes too small (I made it work). It was spray-painted and dyed in black and purple. The mask I bought from a craft store and hand painted it myself. I found lots of flowers and accessories at yard sales and online. I also made the hat. My horse's costume was mostly accessories from Party City and the Dollar Store.

Cost of the costume:

The entire costume cost around \$350. The dress was about \$120, and the other expenses were mostly due to me adding and taking away accessories each time I used it to see what works and to keep myself and Mojito comfortable.

DATE:

Purple Sugar Skull Bride

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Rocking Horse and Little Girl



How to make the costume:

We got a sheet of foam installation and cut it out into the shape of the rockers. Then, we painted the rockers, the wooden dowels, and then put it all together and tried it on him. It is attached to him with ribbon.

Cost of the costume:

40 dollars to make it.

DATE:

Rocking Horse and Little Girl

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Rafiki and Young Simba



How the costume was made:

The wig for Rafiki was ordered. I did my daughter's face paint (only the second time I've ever face-painted). We made the lion's mane with various colors of tooling. The stripe across Simba's forehead is face paint as well.

Cost of the costume:

Under \$40. Pretty low budget but effective.

DATE:

Rafiki and Young Simba

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Working on the Chain Gang



How the costume was made:

Mostly altered costumes for humans.

Cost of the costume:

\$80.

DATE:

Working on the Chain Gang

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Beauties and Their Beasts



How the costume was made:

With secondhand clothes from Value Village.

Cost of the costume:

\$50.

DATE:

Beauties and Their Beasts

YOUR THOUGHTS

ELEMENTS TO ADD	NEED TO GET

Tampa Seahorse



How the costume was made:

Shower curtain and I cut out the waves from big card stock, added some paint, tissue paper to form waves, then added the shark which is a huge piñata. I bought a mermaid costume at Wal-Mart. Used my new horse, Donna, a Dutch Warmblood, who enjoyed eating grass outside of the paddock.

Cost of the costume:

\$62.

DATE:

Tampa Seahorse

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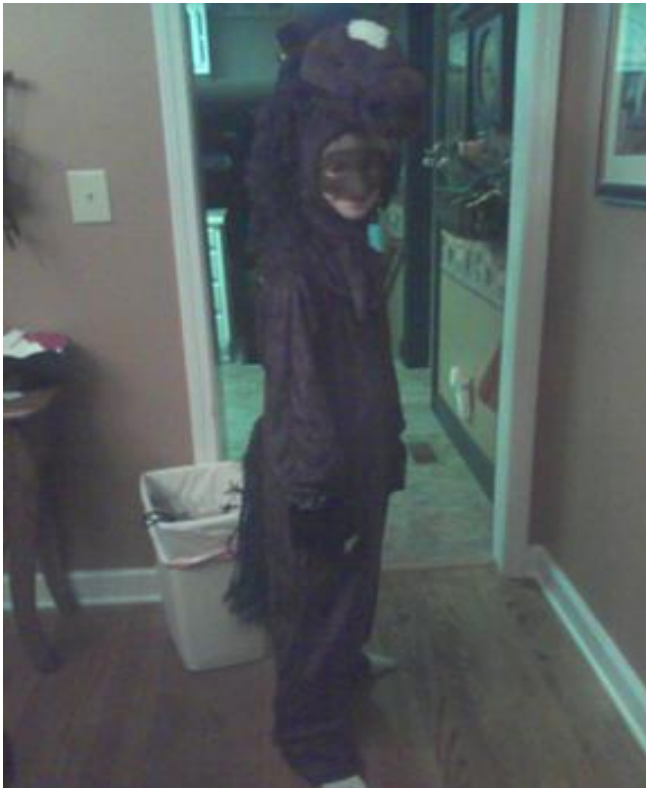
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