

Mop Pony/TN Mopping Horse Guidelines

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Items required:

- A one dollar & seventy-five cent mop from the Dollar Store
- 4 rubber bands (2 bigger ones for the head & 2 little ones for the ears)
- Grass String from a bale of hay (Baling Twine for non-Kentuckians)
- Mop Pony or TN Mopping Horse—difference is SIZE—cut stick to suit rider
- Imagination!

Take approximately 1/3 of the mop for the head/nose & fold under. Wrap rubber band at the nose – cavesson area & 1 rubber band back close to the stick area. You should have something that resembles a head at this point. I like to “hide” my rubber bands by using a strand of the mop & tuck in.

Take some of the under mop strings & wrap around the stick where the mop strands are sticking out underneath – the throat area because the judge likes a mop pony with a clean throat latch area. (Down/Under & back around the stick & tie in a double knot). This does help to make a more “stable” mop pony head.

Take 3 strands of the mop & braid 3 strands of mop on each side for each ear to make the ears. You can judge for yourself how long you want your ear to be. YOU CANNOT mess up your mop pony, because you can always take it out & do it again. Wrap the rubber band close to the head area – 1 for each ear. To make a forelock & to have perky ears: tie a mop string around each ear & then tie the strings together.

To make the mane, you will take a long string on each side of the head & then go down under the head & then back around – all the way to the back & tie in a double knot. Normally 3 times is a good average. Making the mane in this manner will also make a more “stable” mop pony that will last through many hard rides.

You can work with your strings to have more mane or forelock. It is your pony (or horse) & you can decide what “breed characteristics” you want. Ribbons braided in are also a great addition.

Use “grass strings” or whatever else your imagination desires to make a bridle with reins for your new friend. Give your mop pony or TN Mopping Horse a name.

TN Mopping Horses & Mop Ponies are wonderful companions. Use them at Horse Shows – children’s hospital gifts, presents or as a fun fundraiser. They are great for “horseless” Horse Shows & Trail Rides!



GOOD LUCK & HAVE FUN!

*Happy Trails,
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