

Need a ride?

A suggestion for making mounts for your figures

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Here's a way of making a mount for a cardboard figure. The rider figure is simply folded over with its base flaps folded inside; it can be used as a stand-up figure when not "mounted". The mount should have a vertical slot cut where the figure sits, just wider than 4 thicknesses of cardboard - the tendency of the cardboard to spring apart should hold it in the slot. To make it look better, and hide less of the rider, you can flatten out the top of the mount. Indeed, since the mount is usually taller at the front than the back, you can, with a bit of fiddling (or via a calculation using similar triangles) organise it so the back part is lower than the front, as illustrated below. In practice, the back part would go lower still - right down to the back of the mount. Further fiddling to pretty the mount up even more is possible but probably not worth the effort.

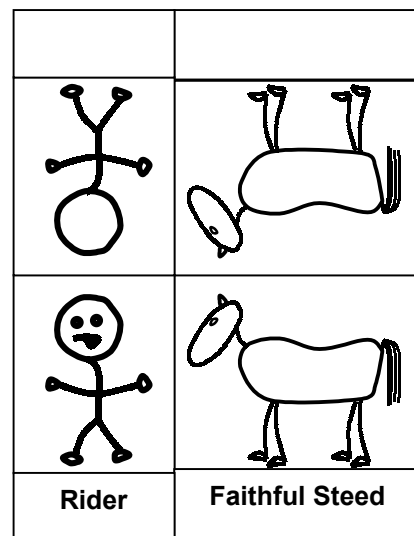


Fig 1 - rider and mount

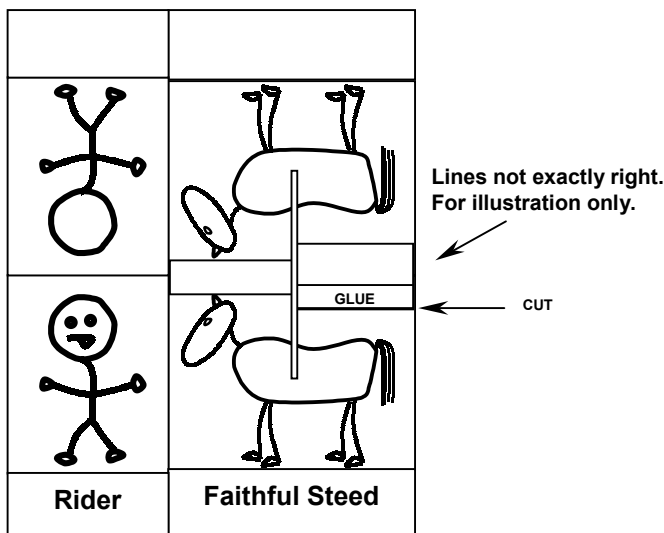


Fig 2 - rider and mount (with slot and differentially flattened top)

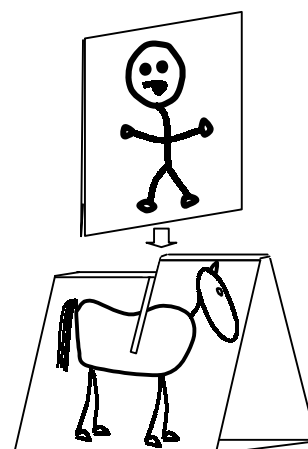


Fig 3 - slotting the rider into mount after mount has been put together.