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Jousting knights

Make your own jousting champion and challenge opponents

A tournament was a competition where knights used lances (long, stick-like weapons) to joust.

They rode their horses at each other very fast and tried to knock the other knight off their horse.



Did you know...

There would be 3 rounds in each joust. If you hit your opponent's body with your lance you'd get 1 point, if you hit them so hard that your lance broke you'd get 2 points, and if you knocked them off their horse you'd get 3 points.

Jousting was a risky and expensive business. Not only could you get seriously hurt or even killed, if you lost you had to either give your opponent your horse and your armour or pay them the equivalent in money.







You will need...

- Some cardboard
- A pen or pencil
- Scissors
- Clothes pegs
- Something long and thin to use as a lance like a twig, a pencil, or a BBQ skewer
- Stuff to decorate your horse and knight with such as stickers, colourful paper, crayons or pens

Want to see how our Craft Knights tackle this craft? Take a look at our YouTube video:

youtu.be/htXJxmPFaNY



Step 1: Make your horse

Draw your horse outline on the cardboard and cut it out. You can draw round or copy the template on the next page, or you can make up your own horse.

Next, decorate your trusty steed. Finally, give it some peg legs.











Step 2: Make your knight

Draw your knight outline on the cardboard, cut it out, and decorate it. You can use the template or create your own knight. Make sure your knight can sit on your horse.

Next, give your knight a lance. You can use a sharp pencil and some blu-tac to punch a hole.





Step 3: Make your horse and knight joust!

Line your horse and knight up against your opponent's. On the count of 3, both tap your horses and send them charging at each other.

Last knight standing wins!



Jousting horse & knight templates



