

PRINTING TIPS FOR CARDS

RAINBOW LEVEL: Stuff Happens Around Horses

Stuff Happens Cards are designed to print on plain 8.5"x11" white card stock.

This file contains 5 pages of cards. Print all 5 pages, then cut them into 4 cards each, which will give you a total of 20 cards in the set.

The first page of cards is an optional "back side" for the cards. You can just print the card pages and leave the back side of each card blank – but we like the name of the card set on the back to help keep things organized.

If you choose to add the back side, print 5 copies of that back page, then set those pages in your printer so that the remaining pages will print on the reverse side. When you cut them apart, you should have the name of the card set on the back of each card.

REMINDER: *Make sure your printer settings for the PDF file are NOT set to "shrink to fit"!*

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You arrive at the barn and can't wait to go greet your pony, Oscar. As you get closer to Oscar, he wrinkles his nose and pins his ears back against his neck.

You've been looking forward to your weekly riding lesson. When you arrive and see that your horse, Honey, is tied up and waiting for you, it makes you SO excited that you run into the barn to give her a great big hug.

Your pony is tied to a ring on the wall while you help groom him. Your instructor says it is time to brush the other side - but you've heard that you should *never* walk behind a horse.

You are helping your instructor clean Honey's hooves when you hear a buzzing close to your ear. It sounds like a bee - and you are very afraid of getting stung! You scream and jump backward, swatting the bee away.

When you pull up to the barn for your riding lesson, you realize you forgot your helmet. Luckily your bicycle helmet is in the back of the car!

You just got your own riding helmet. You love it because it's turquoise and has a sparkling horse design. The only bad thing about it is that the chinstrap is itchy. You solve this problem by loosening it up so it doesn't have to touch your skin.

Your mom wants to come meet the pony you've been riding for the past couple of lessons. She's wearing flip flops, but you're pretty sure the barn rule about wearing boots is just for students. Oscar must be excited to meet her too, because he stomps his foot as your mom gets closer.

You have a busy Friday this week: first you're going to your friend's birthday party, then to your regular riding lesson. You don't want to be late to your lesson, so you decide to just skip changing clothes, and wear your shorts and the new necklace you made at the party.

You arrive for your lesson to find that Oscar has been having a party in a puddle. Every inch of him is crusted in thick dried mud... and is that a bit of poop on his hindquarters?
Eeuwww!

You are helping your instructor tack up Honey before your ride. You have been given the job of carrying the saddle pad and placing it on Honey's back. Between the tack room and the tie area, you drop the saddle pad in the dirt.

You are helping put on the saddle, and today your instructor says you can fasten the girth. You know it is important to get the girth really tight, so you pull the buckles up as hard as you can. Oscar swishes his tail and shakes his head.

At last, your pony is groomed, tacked up and ready to ride. As soon as you get to the arena, you climb up on the mounting block. Your instructor asks if you've forgotten anything important.

You are riding a horse for the first time ever!
You don't want to fall, so you grip tightly with
your legs and take a firm hold on both reins.

You love riding Oscar, but he has one bad
habit: he likes to pull his head down to the
ground, tugging the reins out of your hands.
Every time it happens, you fall forward, face
down into his neck!

Your instructor tells you that to stop your
pony, you should sit tall, breathe out, keep
your hips still and gently squeeze the reins.
You're pretty sure you've done all of these
things, but Oscar keeps on walking.

You are riding Honey over a raised pole on the
ground. You're excited because your instructor
tells you this is the first step to jumping! You
get into your two-point position and grab
mane. You don't want to mess up and sit
down too early, so you stare down at the pole
to watch Honey's feet step over it.

You have been practicing trotting on a very hot summer day. You are dripping with sweat - you can't wait to go cool off! As soon as you dismount, you take off your helmet and head for the air-conditioned car.

You want to reward Oscar for being unusually well-behaved during your ride today. You decide to give him the apple you brought for a snack. You bring the apple into the barn and hold the whole thing out for him to take.

Your instructor says that part of being a good horseperson involves keeping a horse's stall and pasture clean. She hands you a manure fork and asks you to help muck out Honey's stall. Only one problem: you can't stand the smell of manure.

You are helping your instructor clean stalls when you notice that one of Oscar's water buckets is brown and slimy. He has another water bucket that's mostly full, so it's probably okay, right?