

Horses



Activity 1: Best in Show

In the Land Agent's Office at Tatton Park's Farm, you can see lots of rosettes and awards won by 'showing' animals. This means that they are entered into a competition. For Shire horses, there are two types of competitions that can be entered. 'In hand, where they are run up and down with their handler running at their side. The horses are judged on their conformation and movement. Nowadays, there are also ridden' classes for Shire horses as well, where the horses are again judged on their conformation, but also their ability to follow the correct commands from their rider.

Below are 3 pictures of horses from Tatton's Farm. Choose one to give a rosette to. As an important judge, you then need to:

- Explain why this horse is being given an award – write this in your own words.
- Make a rosette for your winning horse using materials you have at home.



BLOSSOM



TABITHA



SENSATION



Activity 2: The Perfect Stable

When they are not out enjoying the fields, horses spend time in their stable. They will sleep and eat in there. It is important for a horse's health and happiness that their stable is perfect for them.

Can you answer the questions below to help create the perfect stable for Sensation? You will find the answers at the bottom of the page.

- 1) Sensation is 16 hands high – this is a special unit of measurement that tells us how tall the animal is. If you know that 1 hand is the same as 10.16cm, can you calculate how tall Sensation is in centimetres?
- 2) For a horse of Sensation's size, we would like to create a stable that is 1.5m wide and 2.4m long. What would the area of the stable be?
- 3) Roughly, horses should eat 2% of their body weight every day. Sensation weighs 498kg – can you work out how much food she should be given?

Answers:
1) $10.16\text{cm} \times 16 = 162.56\text{cm}$
2) $1.5\text{m} \times 2.4\text{m} = 3.6\text{m}^2$
3) $1\% = 498 \div 100 = 4.98$, $2\% = 4.98 \times 2 = 9.96\text{kg}$

