



### DECORATIVE HORSESHOES

The horseshoe is one of the most well-known symbols of the horse. Now, you can reuse your old ones to create beautiful decorations for your room

You will need:

- Old, rusty horseshoes (ask your riding school if you don't have your own pony)
- Various pointed-ended objects
- Wire brush
- Wire brush drill attachments
- Sandpaper
- Drill
- Old cloth
- Hose, or just water in a bucket
- (Spray) paint



1. Wash your horseshoe as best as you can. Get all the mud and grime out of all the crevices using your various pointed-ended objects.
2. Start scrubbing your horseshoe with your wire brush and sandpaper. This may be hard work, but you will soon see some results.
3. Scrub your horseshoe until you start seeing some silver underneath. The horseshoes I used had been sitting in a shed for a long time, so they had a thick layer of rust
4. Attach the wire brush drill bits to your drill and try scrubbing with it.
5. Wash your horseshoe in water every few minutes to remove surface rust.
6. Keep scrubbing and washing until you reach the desired amount of silver. You could leave your slightly rusty to create a rustic effect, scrub it clean and silver again, or move on to the next step to colour it
7. Paint your horseshoe. I decided to spray paint mine gold. My friend painted hers black and decorated it with flowers before giving it to me as a birthday present. These shoes make great gifts!
8. Mount your horseshoe up on a bookcase, shelf or even on your wall and enjoy, or gift to a friend.

You will need



Scrubbing the shoe



Halfway there!



Before and after

