



BRUSHES

It was brought to my attention this week that I haven't actually done a brush tutorial, so I got to work making one. So, here it is! I hope you enjoy, and your ponies get a good going over once you're finished 😊 Credit goes to Nichelle Jones of Desktop Stables for the basic instructions, which I have adapted to make simpler.

You will need:

- Small pieces of thin wood (popsicle sticks will do)
- Sandpaper and craft knife (optional)
- Ribbon/leather strips
- Old wig/hair extensions (baling twine also works)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Paint (optional)



1. Shape your wood piece to the shape you would like. Sandpaper can be useful, as is a craft knife
2. Paint this piece if you would like.
3. Cut a large, thick chunk of hair out of your wig/hair extension. It needs to be thick enough to cover the whole brush.
4. Spread glue liberally over the cut end of the wig/hair extension piece
5. Stick to your wood piece, and hold in place for a minute or so
6. Let this dry for a bit
7. Trim the brush bristles down to a size that fits the size and purpose of the brush (eg. For a dandy brush, leave the bristles a little longer, for a body brush, cut them shorter)
8. Cut a small length of ribbon/leather strip that is long enough to be a handle (you may want to test this with your rider's hand)
9. Apply glue to one end of the strip, and stick on the side of the brush
10. Wait for this to dry, before gluing the other side
11. Done! Get to grooming your ponies.

A more complex tutorial can be found here at:

<https://desktopstables.com/2016/11/12/mini-brushes/>

This makes an even more realistic brush but is hard to do in Schleich scale.



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You will need



Step 1 &2, including the drilled holes from Desktop Stables' tutorial



Step 5



Step 9



Step 11