

# Horseshoe

## “Simple Horse Head”

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### Tools Required:

Forge & Anvil  
Hammer & Tongs  
Nose Punch  
Eye Punch  
Curved Chisel  
Straight Chisel

### Material:

New or used horseshoe

### Forming the jaw:

Heat about 2-3” of the end of a new or used horse shoe. Heat one side only. Using half face blows over the far corner of the heel of the anvil, form a ‘V’ on the bottom side of the shoe about 1 ½” from the end. The ‘V’ should be about half the width of the horse shoe. Draw the metal towards you forming the jaw.



### Forming the nose, mouth & chiseled features:

Heat the end of the shoe again and slightly flatten the area where the mouth will be. Form the nose by using the nose punch. I like to pooch the nose out a little. While the shoe is still hot, cut the mouth using a curved chisel. This is a small chisel mark. Now put two chisel accent marks running parallel with the outside edge of the shoe. These marks should start about ¼” from the nose.



**Forming the eye:**

Heat again and use the eye punch to form the eye. The eye is located on the outside edge of the shoe and is about the center of the jaw. The eye is another area I like to pooch out.



**Forming the ear:**

Make sure the shoe is hot and cut the ear using a straight chisel. The ear should start about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " –  $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the eye. Tilt the chisel away from you. Start on the outside edge and cut towards the eye at about 30 degrees. The cut stops about half the width of the shoe.



The measurements will vary depending on the type and size shoe you forge.