

Halloween Memory

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I always made the kids' Halloween outfits until they wanted to make their own hobo, ghost or witch costumes. When we had a chance to be in a Halloween horse show I jumped at the chance to dress the kid and the horse. There were many fittings which Missy, the mare, resisted before she tolerated her outfit.

We got up early the day of the show to wash the horse and dye the tail red and green. The horse wore fitted pj's that covered her from the top of her head to just above the hooves with the tail hanging free with a 12" bow on top. Resting on her muzzle were huge orange sunglasses. My daughter dressed as a clown including a frizzy red wig and a red rubber nose. No saddle would fit over the pj's so Tina sat over them. There were others – a white horse painted like a zebra, a girl with an elegant full skirt party dress with a pole mounted beside her to look like a carousel horse, kids dressed as cowboys with straw hats on their horses and a black and white striped 'convicted prisoner' covered kid. One horse had been completely painted with a landscape. Halloween? Never mind. It was fun. Missy and Tina won the blue ribbon and a gigantic pumpkin for first place.