

History Inspired Crafts: Galloping to the Derby!

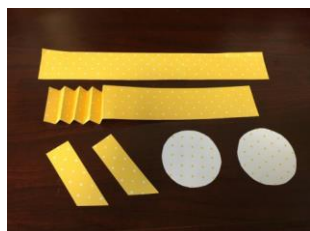
The Kentucky Derby is the oldest continuously held sporting event in U.S. history. It has been called the “most exciting two minutes in sports.” The first Kentucky Derby was in 1875. Thousands of people went to the track to watch 15 Thoroughbred horses race a distance of 1.5 miles. A horse named Aristides won the race and took home the first place trophy.

Suggested Activity:

Make a Derby Award Ribbon

You Will Need:

- Patterned paper
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Glue gun
- Markers



Step 1: Cut out two long strips of patterned paper, about 1½” wide, two circles about 2½” wide, and two smaller strips of paper for the bottom of your ribbon.



Step 2: Fold the long strips accordion style in ½-inch increments and glue them together in a circle.



Step 3: Pinch the circle together and glue the middle part to keep everything in place.



Step 4: Decorate one of your circles with your award message, then glue them onto both sides of your base.



Step 5: Glue the small strips of paper onto the backside to complete your Derby award ribbon!

Notes: Historic photo from KHS collections; instructional photos by Julie Sawnor, KHS.

