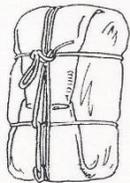
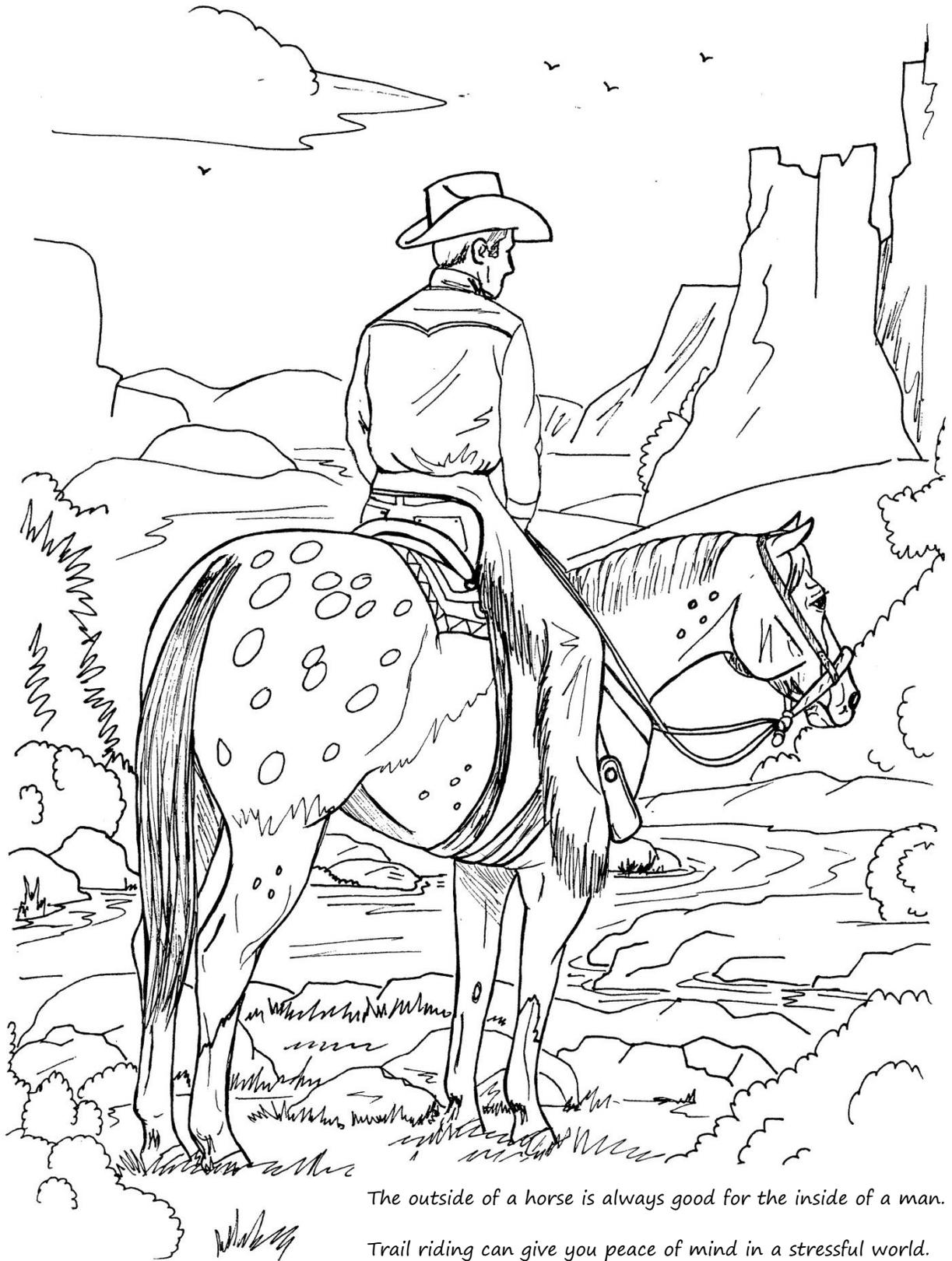


# Montana Back Country Horsemen Activity Book

For Kids Of All Ages-Young And Old Alike!

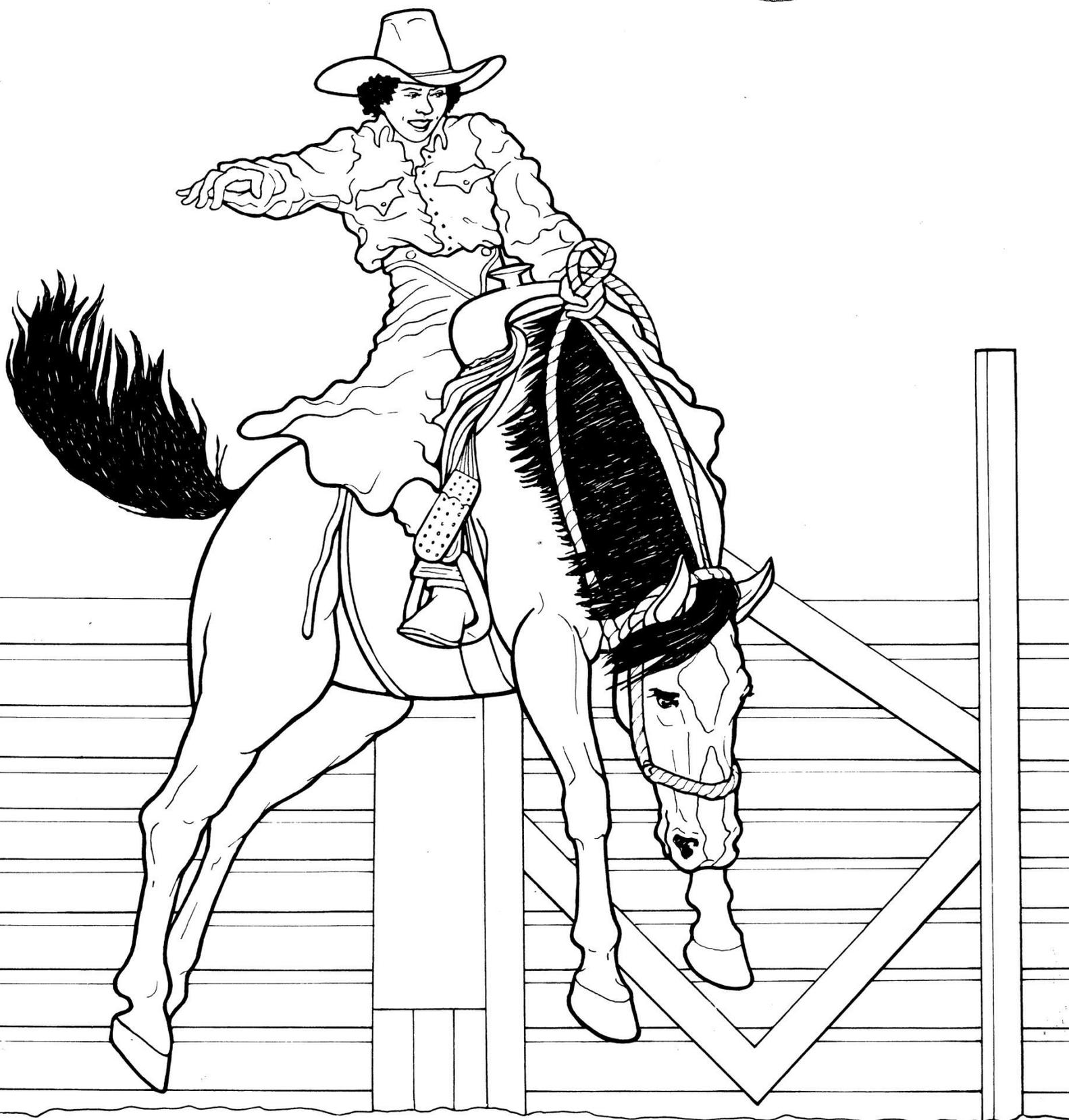




*The outside of a horse is always good for the inside of a man.*

*Trail riding can give you peace of mind in a stressful world.*

Born 1902,  
Red Lodge Montana  
First Rodeo Queen



Alice Greenough, 1935



# THE WILD PONY

## A CAMPFIRE TALE

*In Montana*, there's an old legend of the Wild Pony. It's said that, when the moon is full, the Wild Pony appears on the Sapphire Mountain. It comes to look for its true master. And then, together, they ride into the sky and beyond. The legend says that the Wild Pony has never found its true master. And when the moon changes, the Wild Pony always leaves the mountain.

In Phillipsburg, Montana, two cowboys were talking about the legend. "You believe that story, don't you?" Slim Jenkins asked his pal, Red Sweeny. "You bet," Red said. "And we're going to find that Wild Pony."

"You're crazy," Slim said.

Maybe," Red said. "And I just might be crazy enough to find that horse."

"Then, you'll have two horses," Slim said. Slim took a practical approach to things. Red, on the other hand, was a dreamer.

"Will you come with me to Sapphire Mountain?" Red asked.

Slim thought for a minute.

"I reckon I'll come along," he said. "It gets crazy in town, anyway, with a full moon. As they rode towards Sapphire Mountain, Red sang while Slim played his mouth organ.

"Where are we going to look for this horse?" Slim asked after two days on the trail.

"I don't know yet," Red said. "I was hoping it would come to me."

Slim rolled his eyes. "You're a case, Red."

Red and Slim made their way up the mountain. They set up camp near a cliff. From there, they could see the valley below.

Red stayed awake that night. It was the first night of the full moon. He had a pair of binoculars. But, he didn't see anything.

Three nights passed. Red had not seen even a rabbit or a fox. Slim thought it might be time to give up. "Are you ready to go back to town and find some work?" Slim asked.

"We've still got two more nights of the full moon," Red cried. "I can't leave yet."

But that night, Red still hadn't seen the Wild Pony.

When Slim woke up the next morning, he saw Red sitting by the fire.

"No luck?" Slim asked.

"Nope," answered Red. "Tonight's the last night. We'll head back tomorrow."

"Suits me," said Slim.

That night, the wind howled. Clouds moved across the sky and hid the moon. Red had trouble staying awake. Once, he thought he heard the cry of a horse in the distance. Then, in the valley, Red thought he saw a form moving across the meadow.

But clouds hid the moon and Red couldn't see very well. Soon after that, he fell asleep.

Red dreamed about the Wild Pony. He dreamed that it had come to find him. He was the true master of the Wild Pony.

In Red's dream, the pony walked into camp. It stood over Red. But, as the moon grew dim, the Wild Pony disappeared.

Slim woke up first that morning. He found Red sleeping near what was left of the fire. The fire had nearly died out.

"Hey," Slim yelled. "You can't see a thing with your eyes closed!"





Red bolted awake. He shook his head and rubbed his eyes. "The Wild Pony was here!" he cried. But then, Red knew it had only been a dream. "I fell asleep," Red said. "I dreamed that the Wild Pony walked into camp. He stood right by my bedroll."

Slim just shook his head and went to get wood for the fire. But when he came back, Slim's face was pale. "Did you untie the horses last night?" he asked.

"No," Red said. "Why?"

"There are horse tracks on the trail," Slim said. "They go right up to your bedroll."

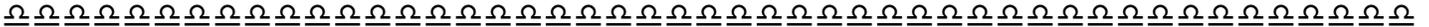
Red ran over to Slim for a look. Sure enough, there were tracks. And the tracks had been made by a horse.

"Do you think...?" Red asked.

"Now, I don't know if it was the Wild Pony," Slim said. "But I can tell one thing. There was a horse here last night."

Red looked into the valley for a long time. "I'm coming back for the next full moon," he said. Slim nodded. "And I'm coming with you," said Slim.

Except next time, I'm going to stay awake with you."

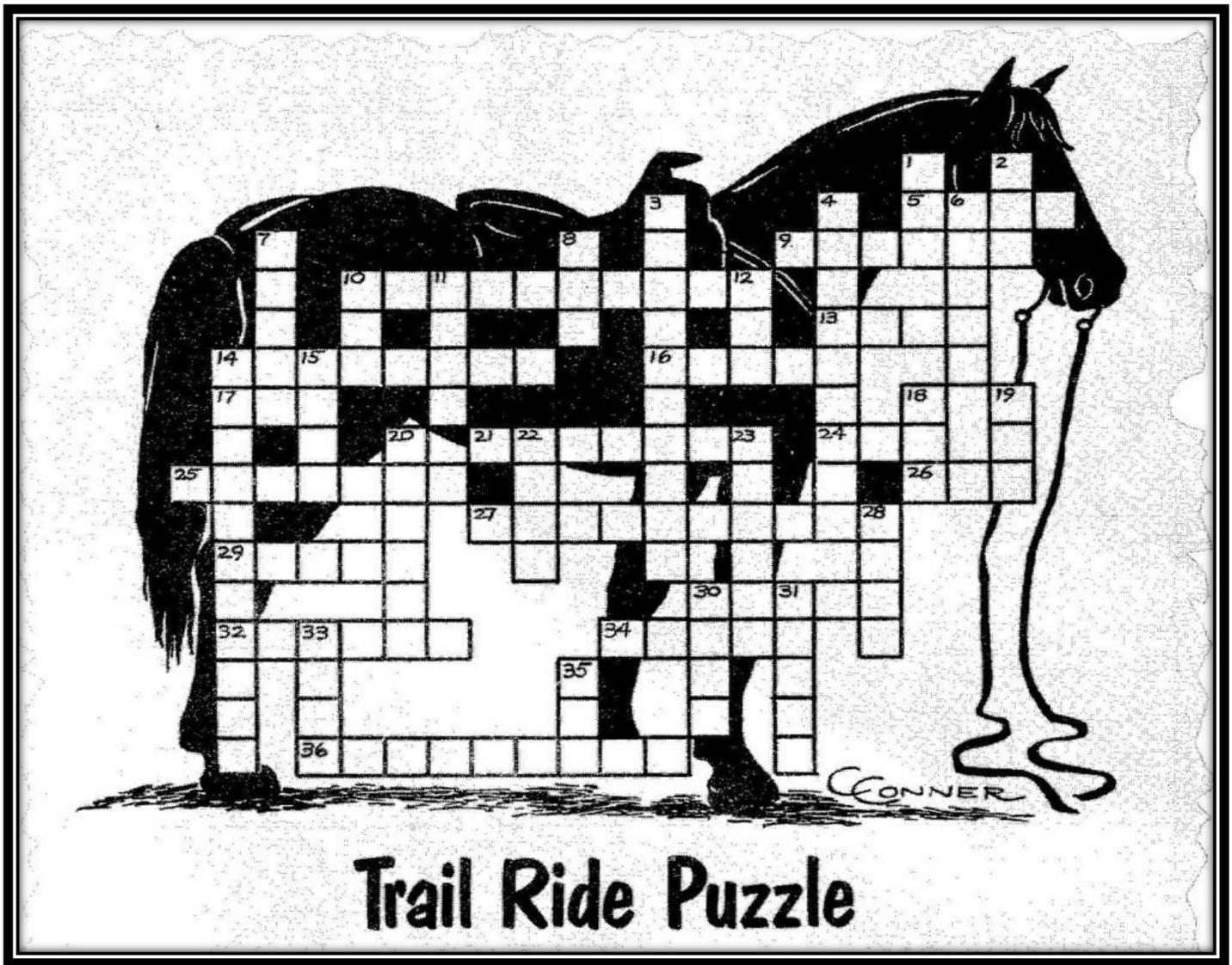


After C. M. Russell





Charles M. Russell



## Trail Ride Puzzle

### Across

5. Dry and desert-like
9. Deep, narrow valley with steep sides.
10. A good campground has adequate \_\_\_\_\_ including restrooms, water, garbage cans, and hitching posts or corrals.
13. A \_\_\_\_\_ horse carries the camping equipment.
14. Those who do a lot of riding in brushy country often have their \_\_\_\_\_ covered.
16. On a hot day, trail riders like to have lunch under these.
17. A camp cook usually has at least one of these.
21. If \_\_\_\_\_ is restricted in a camping area, riders will have to haul in feed.
24. You should never \_\_\_\_\_ a horse with the reins.
25. To be a good mountain horse, a horse needs good \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the saddle in place.
26. Trail riders like to travel during the \_\_\_\_\_.
27. \_\_\_\_\_ areas provide some mighty fine country in which to ride.
29. There are trail rides to the bottom of the \_\_\_\_\_ Canyon.
30. When riding up a steep \_\_\_\_\_, try to get your weight forward
32. Part of the saddle.
34. A plentiful supply of his should be available at camping areas.
36. Competitive rides are not the same as \_\_\_\_\_ rides.

### Down

1. Alfalfa is a legume \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A real competitor always tries to do this.
3. Trails used heavily need to be regularly \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Some organized trail rides have permanent \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A horse should pick his way carefully on \_\_\_\_\_ trails.
7. A popular color with some trail riders.
8. Many trail riders prefer to use a hackamore rather than this.
10. One type of tree common in the mountains.
11. A riding group.
12. "The old gray mare, \_\_\_\_\_ ain't what she used to be."
14. A source of water in the mountains.
15. The result of a mosquito bite.
18. Some trails take riders through a stream \_\_\_\_\_.
19. A horse with black points.
20. On a camping trip, it's not a bad idea to take along an extra one.
22. Trail riders do not like this.
23. Pack outfits should have \_\_\_\_\_ horses for guests.
28. In mountain country, horses often have to \_\_\_\_\_ over down timber.
30. On a steep climb, riders will frequently \_\_\_\_\_ and rest the horses.
31. Sequence of riders.
32. A high mountain \_\_\_\_\_ is no place to be in an electrical storm.
33. The unit used to determine the length of a trail ride.
35. Mountain trail horses seldom do this.



A Bitterroot Mountette

# MT Back Country Horsemen

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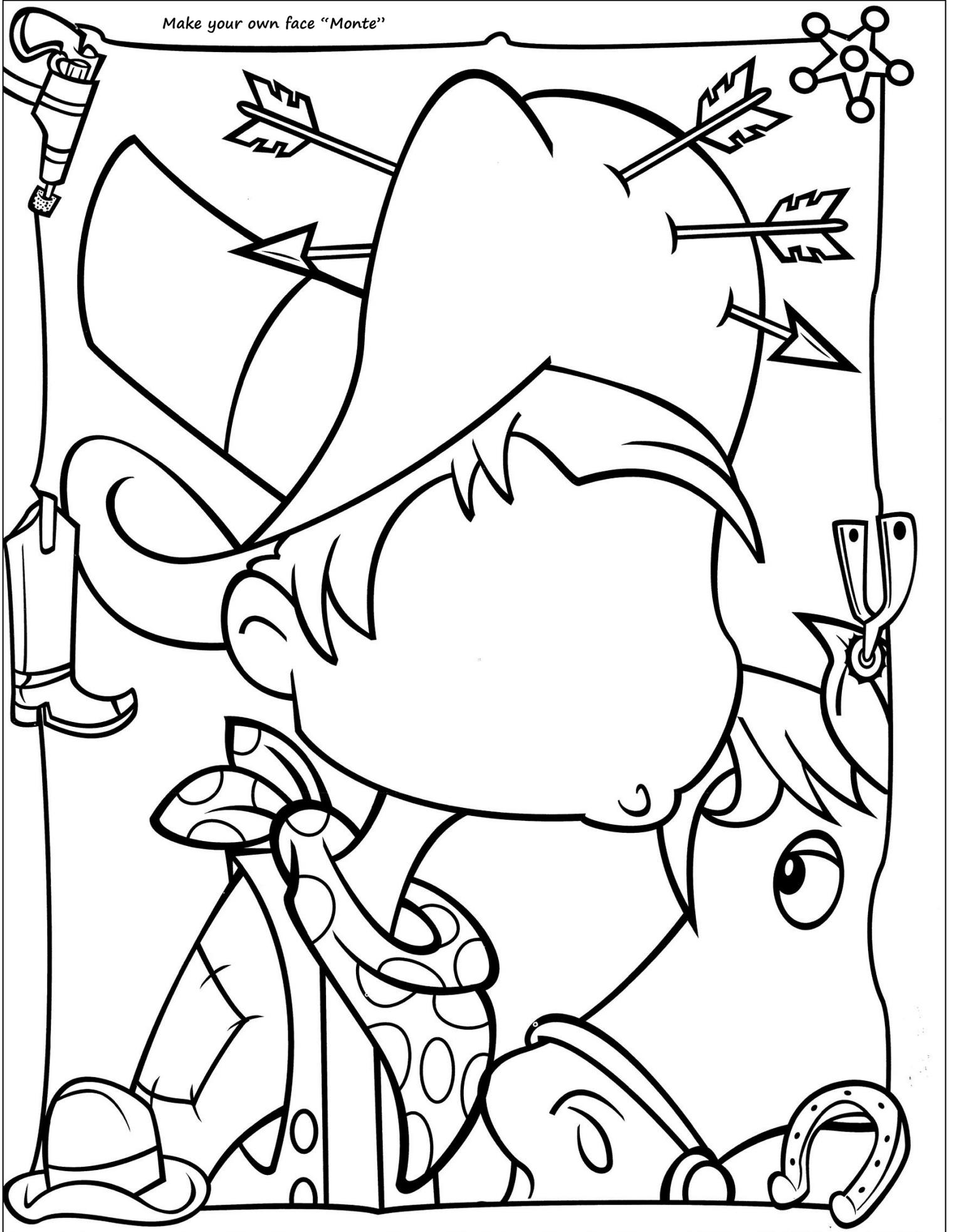
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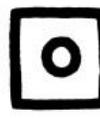
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