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Subject: Replicating a family heirloom  
Posted by [Knesvig](#) on Sat, 20 Oct 2012 23:59:53 GMT  
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First off, hi!

Now, here's what I am interested in doing: my grandfather carved a realistic horse out of wood a very long time ago. I would like to make a 3d scan of the horse, which is about 12 inches tall, and have it recreated via 3d printing so that I can share the object with other family members...at least a close facsimile of the original.

Anyone have suggestions on the type of material that should be used? It's fairly smooth finished and has some fine details in the eyes, ears, hooves, and mane. The tail is actual horse hair.

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Posted by [bartv](#) on Mon, 12 Nov 2012 12:53:20 GMT  
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It depends - you could choose for Full Color Sandstone (less details, but Color!), or for a monochrome material like Strong & Flexible Plastic and post-process or dye it yourself.

You should be able to find a scanning service in your area as well as in this community, but always make sure they have experience with 3D printing. If not, you could end up with an unprintable model.

Let me know if you need any help with finding a scanning service.

Good luck!

Bart

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