

Measure Your Horse and Care for Blankets & Sheets

Measure your horse

Use a flexible measuring tape. (Ideally, you can use a measuring tape containing both inch and metric measurements.)

With your horse standing squarely on a level surface (such as the stable aisle), place the end of the measuring tape in the center of the equine's chest, right at the base of his neck. Standing on the horse's left (or near) side, stretch the measuring tape around his shoulder and body to the center of his rump (even with the center of the horse's tail).

Keep the measuring tape level and pulled tautly throughout the measurement process to ensure a correct measurement for the horse's blanket.

Basically, horse blankets come in sizes, measured in either inches or centimeters, depending upon their manufacturers' specifications. Most horse blankets are sized in two- or three-inch increments (or similar metric equivalents). It's best to average up, if a horse measures between two sizes of horse blankets.

Proper fit is essential to both comfort and safety, when it comes to horse blankets.

Why Multiple Blankets?

To help prevent the spread of skin infections, each horse should have its own blanket. Sharing blankets can facilitate the spread of skin problems. Even if no horses in the stable have known skin problems, fungal spores can cling to blankets and be spread to other horses.

Care of Your Blanket

Regular washing of your blankets is important. Always read the washing instruction on the product. First, remove excess dirt with a brush or hose, then wash by hand. Use very mild soap. Allow to drip dry.

Do not put blankets in the dryer as this will damage the waterproof coating and void any warranties.

When your blanket is not in use, store it in a clean, dry room.