



How to Measure Your Horse for Blankets, Turnouts & Sheets

Why Blanket Your Horse? There are several advantages to blanketing your horse, beyond the smart and stylish look horse apparel can provide. Horse Sense™ blankets can protect your horse from adverse weather conditions, such as harsh wind, rain, and snow. Blankets also provide warmth on cold days and nights, especially for older or younger horses. In the summer, using a Horse Sense™ fly sheet can help safeguard your horse from biting flies and other pesky insects while also providing some UV protection from the sun's rays.

How to Measure Your Horse for a Blanket or Sheet

- * Keep your horse still while you measure by tying her or having someone hold her.
- * Make sure your horse is standing square in a natural position.
- * While measuring, be sure to keep the tape level taut, and in a straight horizontal line. Holding the tape at an angle can result in an incorrect measurement.
- * Using a cloth measuring tape, start measuring where your horse's neck meets the front center of her chest.
- * Go around the widest part of her shoulder, and bring the tape along her side as far as you can. Hold the spot with your thumb and note the measurement.
- * Then measure from the spot marked with your thumb around the widest part of her hindquarters to the edge of her tail. Note the measurement.
- * Add the two measurements together to get your horse's blanket and sheet size.

If your horse's measurement falls between the available blanket/sheet sizes, always choose the larger size. For example, if your horse's size is 73 ½" and the closest available sizes are 72" or 75", choose the 75".

Hazards of a Poorly Fitted Blanket or Sheet. It is very important to use a properly fitted blanket on your horse. If it is too tight, the blanket/sheet can restrict her movement, and rub her shoulders and withers—possibly causing irritation and bald spots. If too loose, the blanket/sheet can turn and shift, catch on latches and gates, and possibly even slip under her belly, causing her to trip or fall. Because of these dangers, properly measuring your horse and finding the best blanket fit is essential for her protection, comfort, and safety. Make sure she can move freely, including being able to bend over to graze, without the front buckles causing pressure against her chest. You should be able to easily slip your hand between the blanket and her shoulders and withers.

**Measure Twice,
Buy Once!**



Measure your horse from the center of the chest to the edge of the tail.