

Saddle Template & Pictures

To help us select suitable saddles for your horse you will need two simple measurements and a few photos.

Gullet angle measurement: This refers to the shape across his back, which can vary from narrow to xxx wide.

Wither profile: This describes the curve of his withers, if you are looking from the side - low, regular or high.

(We do not require a full back profile we will see this from your photos.)

Photos: Stand your horse or pony up squarely with head level not grazing (with his or her weight evenly distributed on all four legs in a perfect square) on a totally flat surface.

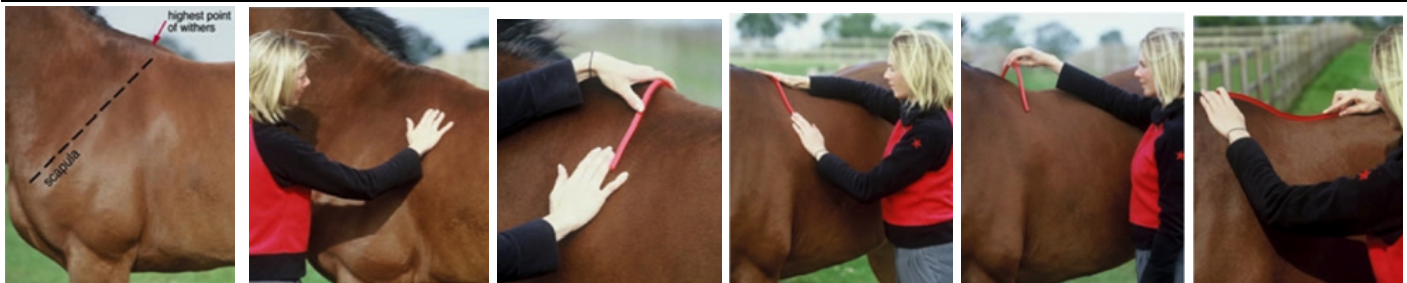
Picture 1 a side view picture of the whole horse including the legs

Picture 2 a rear view from up high looking along the back to the shoulders

Picture 3 a picture of your measuring tool on the horse. 3 fingers behind the shoulder. (This is only so we can check the accuracy of your template)

For the measurements you will need:

- A helper to hold your horse on firm, level ground.
- A piece of chalk.
- A flexible drawing curve (available from Office Works) or a piece of coat hanger or fencing wire, measuring approx 12" (30cm)
- A couple of pieces of A4 paper.
- A pen.



<p>Step 1</p> <p>Make sure your horse is standing square with his head up and looking straight ahead. From the nearside (left) feel for the top edge of his shoulder blade (scapula) with your fingers. Lifting the nearside foreleg will help you find the scapula if you're not sure.</p>	<p>Step 2</p> <p>When you have located the highest point of the scapula, use the chalk to mark the outline around the scapula. Find the furthest back point, place three fingers next to the back of the scapula.</p>	<p>Step 3</p> <p>Place your measuring tool next to your third finger. Mould your measuring tool up and over the withers.</p> <p>TAKE A PICTURE</p>	<p>Step 4</p> <p>Squeeze and shape the flexicurve so it hugs the contours of the horse's sides, taking care that both sides are contacting at the same time, Heavy gauge wire can be tricky and 1 cm is one size so be accurate!</p>	<p>Step 5</p> <p>Transfer the shaped curve onto an A4 or A3 piece of paper, don't worry if the ends go off the page. Draw along the inside edge with a black pen. mark near/left side and right/off side - this is your Gullet measurement.</p>	<p>Step 6</p> <p>Next, making sure your horse is still standing square, mould the tool along his spine starting at the highest point of the withers.. Draw this shape onto piece paper. Mark top and bottom - this is your wither profile.</p> <p>To finish TAKE A PICTURE of the side and rear profile of your horse.</p>
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