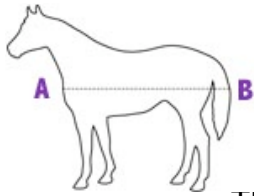


#2. Unmounted lesson: How to measure for a blanket



MODEL: PRACTICE WITH GUIDANCE; PRACTICE INDEPENDENTLY Basically, all equine blankets and sheets have similar designs. They cover your horse's barrel from withers to tail and hang to just below the elbows and stifles.

There are some simple ways to ensure you obtain the correct measurements of your horse. If possible, corral a companion or tie up your horse to help keep her still while you measure her. Then:

1. Ensure your horse stands squarely in a natural position.
2. Stand on your horse's left with the end of your measuring tape in your left hand. Place the end of the measuring tape at the point where your horse's neck meets the center of her chest.
3. Using your right hand, draw the tape along her left side and over the widest part of her shoulder. Continue to draw the tape in this manner for the extent of your reach. **Note the measurement and leave thumb in place!**
4. Then mark the spot of your reach with your right thumb. Move down to the spot you've marked with your thumb. Place the end of the measuring tape at this point.
5. Using your right hand, continue to draw the tape along your horse's side and across the point of her buttocks, which is the hindmost part of the quarters and about 10 to 12 inches below where the tail and body meet. **Note this measurement.**
6. Add your two measurements together to get your blanket size.

If your measurement falls between sizes available for an item, you would normally purchase a larger size not a smaller size. EXAMPLE: Measurement between A and B is 74", purchase a 76". Remember that a size difference will be in length (A to B) when trying to determine whether to upsize or downsize.