



Blanket tips for a great fit

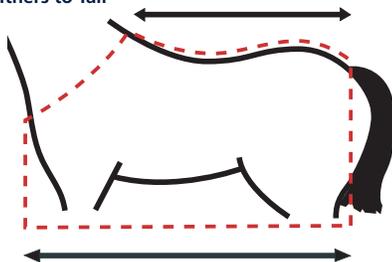
When buying any blanket for your horse, fit is key, and should never be underestimated. If you've bought the most amazing blanket with a whole range of features, it could potentially cause more harm than good if it is ill fitting.

The good news is that it is not hard to achieve a good fit. Here are our top tips:

- Measure your horse before you go out to your local tack shop. This can be done with a tape measure. Simply put one end of the tape in the center of your horse's chest and the other end on the horse's buttocks where you would expect the blanket to finish.
- Horse blankets are sized in centimeters, inches or feet and inches—make sure you check what size blanket you are getting as a 66" will not fit a 6'6" horse.
- When you've bought the blanket, take it home and try it on your horse over a clean bedsheet or clean summer sheet—make sure you leave all the tags on. If the blanket fits, then remove the tags and use; if not, you might be able to return the blanket to the retail outlet you purchased it from as long as it is in a saleable condition—check with your retailer at the time you purchase the blanket.



European sizes are measured from the top of the horse Withers to Tail



Blanket Size Chart (Bottom measurement)

Size / Cm (back measurement)	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	145	150	155	165
Size / Inches (bottom measurement)	48"	51"	54"	57"	60"	63"	66"	69"	72"	75"	78"	81"	84"
Size / Feet (bottom measurement)	4'	4'3	4'6	4'9	5'	5'3	5'6	5'9	6'	6'3	6'6	6'9	7'
Hands	11.2	12.0	12.2	13.0	13.2	14.0	14.2	15.0	15.2	16.0	16.2	17.0	17.2

UK/USA/Australian sizes are measured at the bottom of the horse from the center of the chest to the rear



Blanket & Neck Sizes	
Blanket	Neck Covers
48"-51"	XS
54"-60"	S
63"-69"	M
72"-78"	L
81"-87"	XL

A blanket will not stay in place unless it fits properly. A badly fitting blanket will slip and could cause discomfort for the horse and could be strained to breaking point.

How can I tell if the blanket fits?

- The blanket should fit well over the withers and the shoulders so that the horse can move freely without the blanket slipping back.
- The breast straps should be fastened so that the fabric overlaps underneath them. The straps should be tight enough to hold the blanket in place, but not so tight that it causes the blanket's shape to distort on the horse's back or could cause pressure points around the horse's chest and wither area.
- Cross surcingles should be fastened so you can fit a hand's breadth between the surcingles and the horse's body. This means that the straps are tight enough to prevent legs becoming caught should the horse lie down, but not so tight that the horse will be uncomfortable.
- If the blanket has leg straps, they should be fastened so that the left strap is passed around the left hind leg and fastened back to the left side. The right strap should then pass around the right hind leg, loop through the left strap, and then fasten to the right side. There should be about 4-5" between the strap and the horse's leg to prevent the blanket slipping without causing the horse any discomfort.