

Temperature guide to rugging a horse



Just like us, our horses feel the cold differently. Horses that are regularly stabled or clipped will be more vulnerable to chills than those that are used to living out and may easily overheat if wearing too many clothes.

Before putting a rug (or a heavier one) on your horse, consider all the many variables: Stable management routine, level of work, access to forage, feeding regime and the type and

condition of the horse. Remember rugging less can also help in weight management especially of good-doers who need to lose weight over winter.

The weather itself should also be considered – is it just cold or cold, wet and windy? The wind chill factor can make a real difference on whether horses are warm enough in a lower weight rug.

Temperature	Stabled/ Clipped	Stabled/ Unclipped	Turned out/ Unclipped	Turned out/ Clipped
15 degrees and warmer	Zero fill	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
10 to 15 degrees	Light weight (100g) or zero fill	Nothing or zero fill	Nothing	Nothing or light weight (100g) or zero fill if wet & windy
5 to 10 degrees	Medium weight (250g)	Light weight (150g)	Nothing or light weight (100g)	Light weight (150g) plus neck cover
Zero to 4 degrees	Heavy weight (300g)	Medium weight (200g)	Nothing or light/medium weight (150-250g)	Medium weight (200g) with neck cover
-10 to zero degrees	Heavy weight (300-400g) with neck cover	Medium weight (200-300g) with liner	Light or medium weight (150-300g) with neck cover	Heavy weight (300-400g) with neck cover plus liner
-10 degrees or colder	Heavyweight (300-500g) with neck cover plus liner	Medium or heavy weight (300-400g) with neck cover	Heavy weight (300-500g) with neck cover	Heavy weight (300-500g) plus liner and/or under blanket and hood

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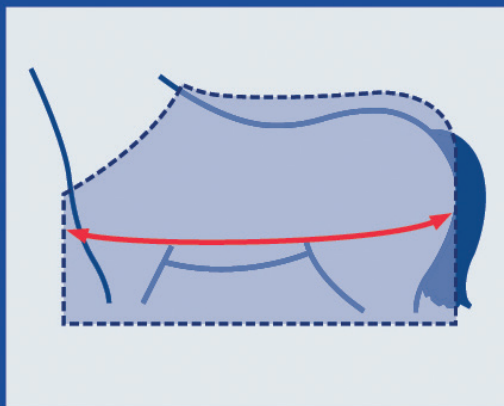
HOW TO BUY THE RIGHT SIZE

It is necessary when buying and using your outdoor rugs to bear the following points in mind.

Fit is all important. Rugs are usually sized in three inch increments. The measurement refers to the distance from the centre of the chest of the horse around the body of the horse to the rear of the quarters where you expect the rug to finish. As horses of any given size vary so much in girth and build, it is essential to take these measurements before purchasing your rug. Do though check the sizing and fitting instructions when buying a new brand of rug – as with your own clothing, various brands may fit differently.

SIZING GUIDE

BACK SEAM	BODY LENGTH		
	Euro (cm)	Feet Inches	Inches
55	3'0	36"	90
60	3'3	39"	100
65	3'6	42"	105
70	3'9	45"	115
75	4'0	48"	120
85	4'3	51"	130
90	4'6	54"	140
95	4'9	57"	145
105	5'0	60"	155
115	5'3	63"	160
120	5'6	66"	170
125	5'9	69"	175
135	6'0	72"	185
140	6'3	75"	190
150	6'6	78"	200
155	6'9	81"	205
160	7'0	84"	215
165	7'3	87"	225



How To Measure:

- Measure from the center of the chest to the end of rump

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