



# Cutting & Positioning the Inserts

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# 1. Let's Get Organized



## STEP 1:

Lay out your inserts. Most horses need the front inserts as well as the SSA (we will use that as our example).



## STEP 2:

Measure your SSA (Saddle Support Area) from the middle. If your SSA is 16" measure 8" in front of center and 8" behind.



## STEP 3:

Mark your felt with chalk. Make sure both sides have symmetrical markings. Because this horse needs built up in the front, we have marked only the back to be cut.

## 2. Feathering the Inserts



### STEP 1:

Mark the inserts in 1" increments.



### STEP 2:

Peel back two layers to the 1st line and cut.



### STEP 3:

Peel back one layer to the 2nd line and cut.



### STEP 4:

Blend the lines by cutting on an angle along all edges.

### 3. Cutting the Saddle Support Area (SSA)



#### STEP 1:

Cut along the last line (1" longer than the SSA measurement).



#### STEP 2:

Peel back 2 layers of felt and cut off.



#### STEP 3:

Blend the lines.

## 4. Remember: Double Check Your Work!



### STEP 1:

Place the pieces together and make sure the lines are smooth.



### STEP 2:

Put pieces side-by-side and double check the symmetry (**only if** the horse is symmetrical).



### STEP 3:

Measure again to double-check your work.

## 5. Cutting the Inserts for Shoulder Relief



### STEP 1:

Draw a line at the front of the measured SSA (e.g. if SSA is a measure of 16", then the line will be 8" in front of the center of the insert).



### STEP 2:

Draw a line 1" in front of the first line.



### STEP 3:

Cut off the excess felt at the first line.

### STEP 4:

Separate the 2 layers of felt and pull back to the 2nd line.



### STEP 5:

Cut off and feather in.



## 5. Cutting the Inserts for Shoulder Relief



### STEP 6:

Lay cut SSA piece over the front insert and trace.  
Draw a second line 1" in.



### STEP 7:

Lay felt inserts on top of each other to make sure  
they are symmetrical.

## 6. Putting it All Together

