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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 backone 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)



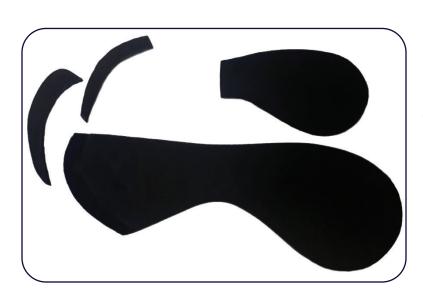
STEP 1:

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.



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







