

Partial Clips

Some people use a large piece of chalk to mark and outline the area they want to clip. If this doesn't work for you, try marking your clip lines with thin masking tape or painting tape. Don't freak out if you make a mistake. You'll become a more proficient clipper with practice—and remember, hair generally grows back!

Here are five partial clips that are suitable for a horse that goes out every day in the winter wearing a turnout blanket:

For more clipping tips, instructional videos and info about how to maintain your clippers, visit www.andis.com and www.wahlanimal.com.

The Strip Clip

This clip trims hair only off the underside of your horse. Remove the hair in a thin strip from your horse's jowl down the underside of his neck and under his chest. Stop at the girth area or continue clipping under and along his tummy.



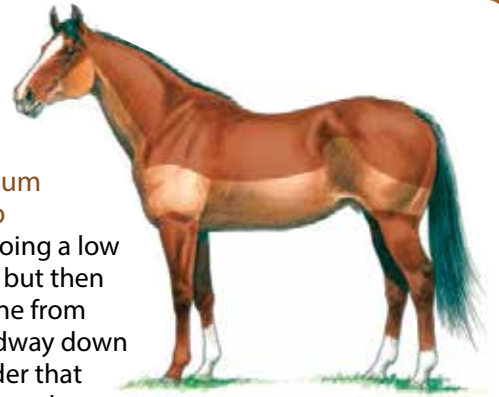
The Low Trace Clip

Remove the hair in a triangle shape starting underneath your horse's jowl down to his chest. Continue clipping starting about four inches above his elbow straight to his hindquarters. Remove all of the hair under his belly and under his chin too. Be neat when clipping the hair on the side of your horse's face.



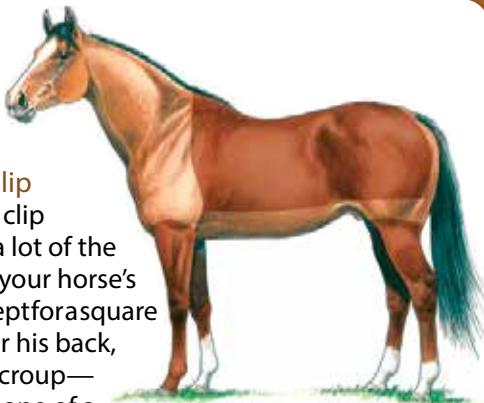
The Medium Trace Clip

Start by doing a low trace clip, but then clip in a line from about midway down his shoulder that runs back to about halfway down his hindquarters. The top of the clip line should be about even with the bottom of your saddle flap. Clip an arc shape over the "whorl" area near the stifle.



The Blanket Clip

A blanket clip removes a lot of the hair from your horse's body, except for a square patch over his back, loins and croup—like the shape of a quarter sheet. Don't forget the inverted "V" shape at the top of the tail that sits centrally on the spine. The bottom line of the clip should be about even with the bottom of your saddle flap.



The Hunter Clip

If you ride a lot in the winter, a hunter clip may be right for your horse. It takes off most of your horse's body hair, leaving only a saddle-shaped patch on his back. To make sure the patch is the right size, clip around your saddle, not a saddle pad. If it's really chilly, you may have to use a quarter sheet on your horse when you ride him so he won't get cold. 🐾

