



Step 1

Make sure your horse is standing four-square with his head up and looking straight ahead. From the nearside (left), feel for the top edge of his shoulder-blade (scapula) with your fingers. Lifting the nearside foreleg will help you find the scapula if you are not sure.



Step 2

When you have located the highest point of the scapula, use the chalk to mark a point roughly three fingers' width behind it (towards the direction of the tail).



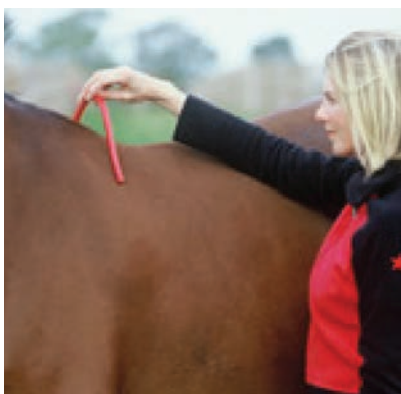
Step 3

Taking this mark as your starting point, mould your flexicurve up and over the withers.



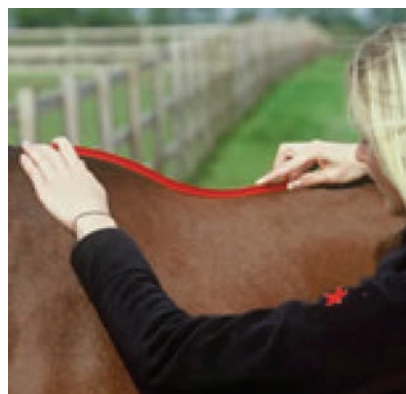
Step 4

Squeeze and shape the flexicurve so it hugs the contours of the horse's sides.



Step 5

Lift the flexicurve gently and put it down in exactly the same place – it should settle snugly if it has been moulded correctly. Transfer the shaped flexicurve onto the back width chart and draw along the inside.



Step 6

Next, making sure your horse is still standing properly, mould the flexicurve along his spine starting at the highest point of the withers. This measurement should also be taken from the nearside. Draw this shape onto the wither profile chart.

To find the perfect Thoroughgood saddle for your horse you will need two measurements:

Back Width. This refers to the shape across his back which can vary from narrow to extra-wide

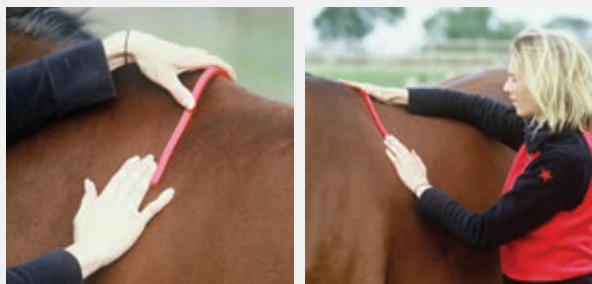
Wither Profile. This describes the curve of his withers, if you are looking from the side – low, regular or high

You will need

- ▶ A helper to hold your horse on firm, level ground
- ▶ A piece of chalk
- ▶ A flexicurve, available from your nearest stockist or an art or office supply shop, measuring 65cm. A piece of stiff wire cut to the same length is a good alternative
- ▶ A pen



Saddle Size Chart - Back Width



To determine the width of your horse or pony's back, lay your shaped flexicurve on top of this guide. Line up the centre with the red cross and draw along the inside of the arch, continuing 6" (15cms) down each side in the colour coded areas at either end of the chart.

Read your horse's width fitting using the colour coded key on the next page. If you are in any doubt consult your local stockist or qualified saddle fitter for more advice.

Gullet Bar Widths:

- XXW ● XW / XXW ● XW ● W / XW
- W ● M / W ● M ● N / M

NB: There are two gullet bar lengths (R and S type) to suit the specific tree designs

Rider details

Name _____

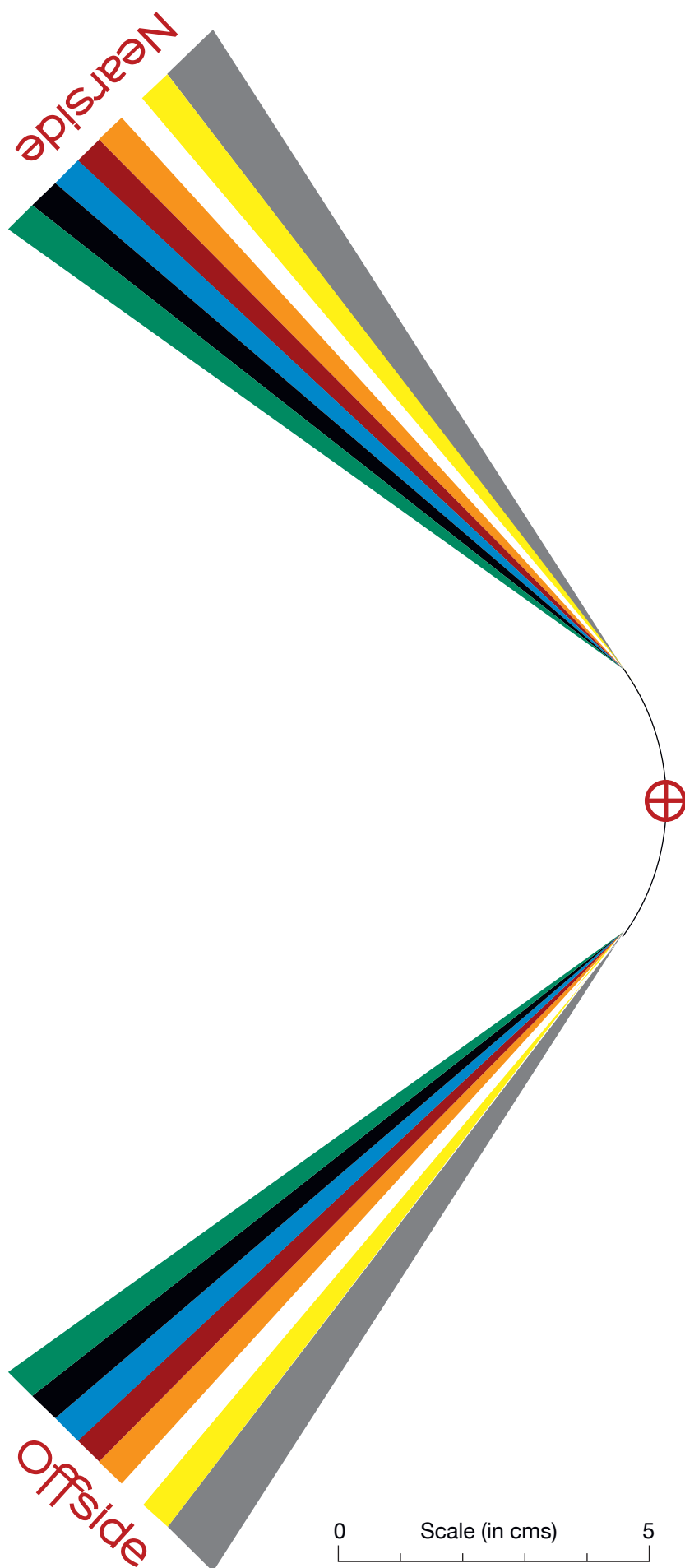
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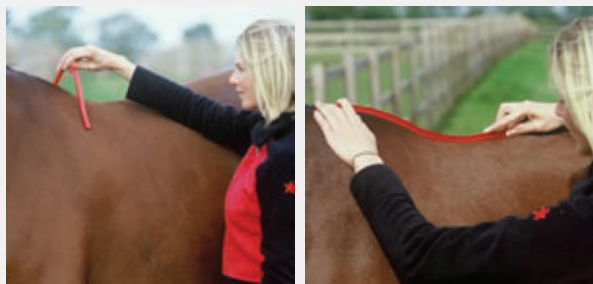
Height _____

Weight _____

Upper leg length _____

Type of riding preferred
(eg. hacking, dressage) _____





To determine the wither profile, first lay your flexicurve on top of this guide making sure that the right-hand end (the end that was nearest the tail) is lined up exactly with the red line between the two red crosses.

Then draw along the underside of the flexicurve and read the fitting from the black boxes on the diagram.

Horse or Pony details

Name _ _ _ _ _

Age _ _ _ _ _

Sex _ _ _ _ _

Breed _ _ _ _ _

Height _ _ _ _ _

Weight _ _ _ _ _

Date measurement taken _ _ _ _ _