Allegan County 4-H
Cloverbud Horse Sheets

EQUIPMENT

Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, or family status.
The equipment needed is called "tack" or "gear". This includes the saddle, saddle pad or blanket, headstall and bit, halter and lead rope.

**Saddles:**

English and western saddles are the two most common types.

The English saddle is light weight and has a flat seat. It is padded and comfortable. It can be modified for use in pleasure riding, training, racing or jumping.

The western saddle is commonly used by cowboys and western stockmen. A western saddle provides comfort for all-day riding and enough strength to stand up under the strain of calf roping. Western saddles have fleece padding that helps protect the horse's back.

**Bridles and Bits:**

A bridle is a head harness for guiding a horse. It consists of headstall, bit and reins.

The headstall should be of strong leather narrow in width to cut down on weight.

The bit should be as light and as mild as is necessary to maintain control of the horse.

Wash the bit regularly to remove the debris that accumulates from the horse's mouth.

There are two main styles of bits.

A snaffle bit works by simply pulling on the corners of the horse's mouth.

A curb bit works by leverage of a curb strap or chain under the horse's chin as well as the bit pressure in the mouth.

Variations in cheekpieces and mouthpiece allow many different combinations.

A blanket under the saddle keeps the horse's back and sides from becoming sore.
PARTS OF TACK

Your tack (the equipment you use for riding) should be fitted to you and to your horse. It need not be fancy or expensive but should be safe and well cared for. The way you take care of your equipment and your ability to talk about it and use it properly will show if you are a horseman or not. Tack comes in a variety of forms. Be familiar with the names and use of the kind you have.
WORD SEARCH - PARTS OF BRIDLE

WORD LIST:
BIT
BROW BAND
CROWN
CHEEK PIECES

NOSE BAND
REINS
THROAT LATCH

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TO CLEAN TACK (SADDLE & BRIDLES), YOU NEED (DRAW A LINE TO):

A BUCKET OF WARM WATER

A RAG

A SPONGE

A BAR OF SADDLE SOAP
Tack is the equipment used on a horse.
Color and cut out the tack on the next page.
Put the tack you want to use on the horse below.
ENGLISH SADDLE

- Pommel
- Cantle
- Seat
- Panel
- Skirt
- Stirrup bar
- Stirrup iron
- Flap
- Tread of stirrup iron
- Stirrup leather
SADDLE PARTS - PASTE ON
1. START WITH PAD
2. ADD PARTS IN ORDER
CUT OUT SADDLE PARTS

PASTE ON HORSE WITH HALTER OR BLANK PIECE OF PAPER
NAME __________________________ DATE __________________________

SADDLE PARTS—DRAW A LINE TO:

HANDHOLD

POMMEL

SEAT

SADDLE PAD

STIRRUP LEATHER

STIRRUP

GIRTH

SAFETY STIRRUP
SADDLE PARTS - QUIZ

H
S
L
P
S
S
G

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Saddle Parts

DOWNS
1. S___
2. ___N___
3. ___R___
4. ___G___
5. ___O___
6. ___R___

ACROSS
1. H___
2. ___E___
3. ___N___
4. ___T___
5. ___I___

Here are the words used in this puzzle. Use them to fill in the blanks then put them in the saddle.

CONCHO
HORN NECK
SKIRT
CANTLE
HORN
REAR HOUSING
SWELL
RIGGING DEE
SEAT
FENDER
STIRRUP
CUT OUT BRIDLE PARTS-

PASTE ON A BLANK PIECE OF PAPER OR ON BRIDLE "PASTE ON" PAGE

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Q. How can you determine if a halter is properly adjusted at:

A. Crownpiece?

Noseband?

Throatlatch?

Q. Label these parts.

A. (1) 

(2) 

(3) 

 a. b. 

(4) 

1. 

2. 

a. b. 

3. 

4.
Name ____________________________

Horse Equipment

Word List:
- Bridle
- Brush
- Bucket
- Clippers
- Cloth
- Curry comb
- Feed tub
- Fleece pad
- Halter
- Hoof pick
- Lead
- Lunge line
- Mane comb
- Oil
- Saddle
- Saddle soap
- Soap
- Sponge
- Sweat scraper

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WORD SEARCH - PARTS OF SADDLE

B A E L T N A C E N
I S T E E X L M B S
L A D A G I R T H E
L E G T J F P H A A
E K O H P U L R N T
T A C E R T E V D Y
S K I R T B M D H A
T R I S E R M F O S
R T U T A D O B L H
S A D D L E P A D G

WORD LIST:

BILLETS            SADDLE PAD
CANTLE             POMMEL
GIRTH              SEAT
HANDHOLD           SKIRT
LEATHERS           STIRRUP
DRAW YOURSELF ON THE PONY THAT IS BRIDLED AND SADDLED CORRECTLY