

# Measuring your Horse for a made-to-measure bridle.

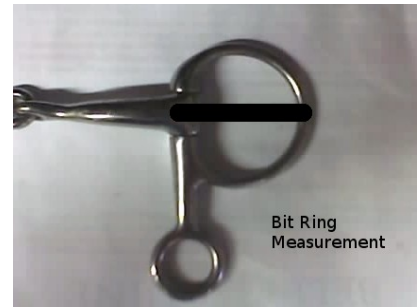
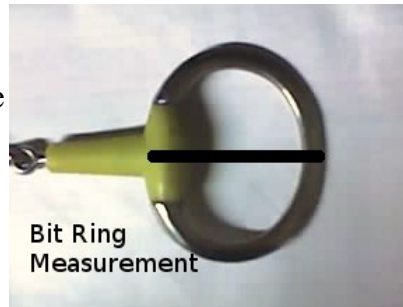
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If you don't have a bridle to fit to your horse that you can measure, you can always take the measurements directly from your horse's head.

To start you will need a fabric tape measure, pen and paper, and some chalk or stickers. And if possible someone to help you!

## Bit Rings

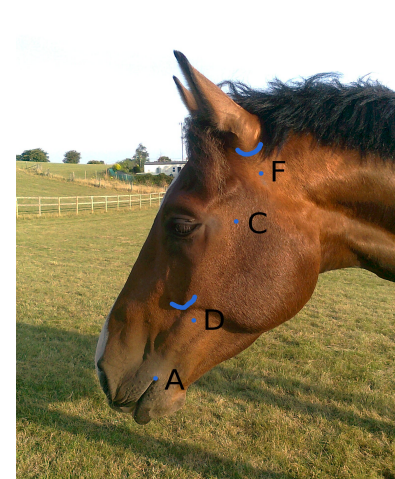
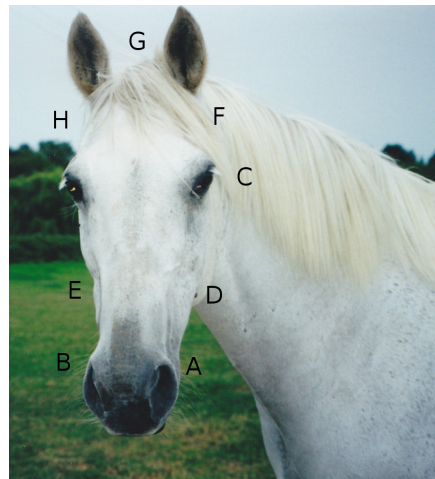
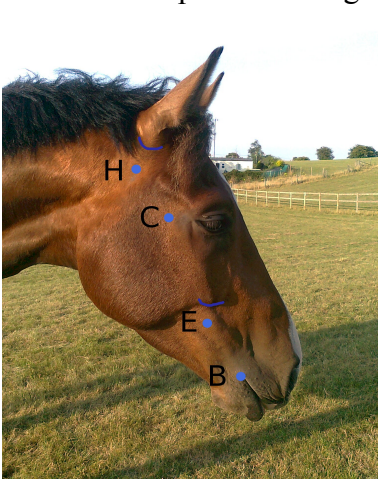
The first measurement you need are not actually on the horse but the bit you will be using. Measure from the outside edge of the ring to the end of the mouthpiece.



## Now for the horse!

The points used to measure for a bridle are:

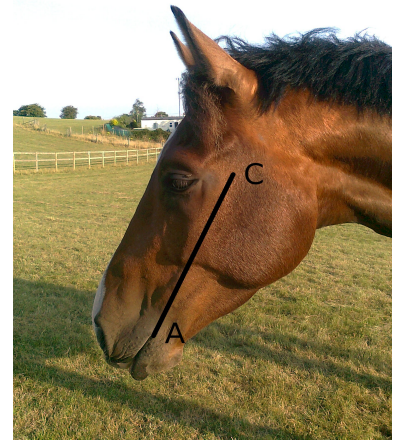
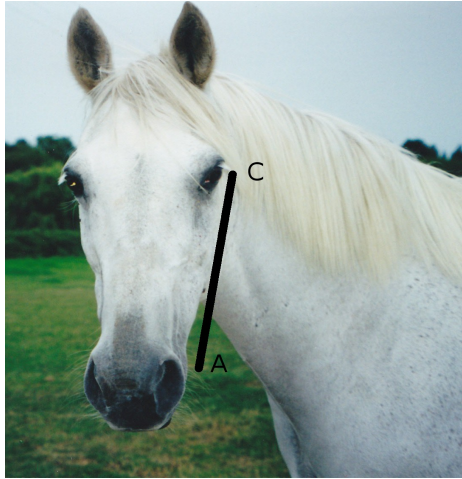
- A – the corner of the mouth.
- B – the corner of the mouth on the other-side.
- C – a point level with the horse's eye.
- D – a point two fingers (about an inch) below and behind the horse's cheek bone.
- E – the same point on the other side of your horse's head.
- F – a point two fingers below and behind the base of the horse's ear.
- G – the top of the horse's head (poll).
- H - a point two fingers below and behind the base of the horse's other ear.



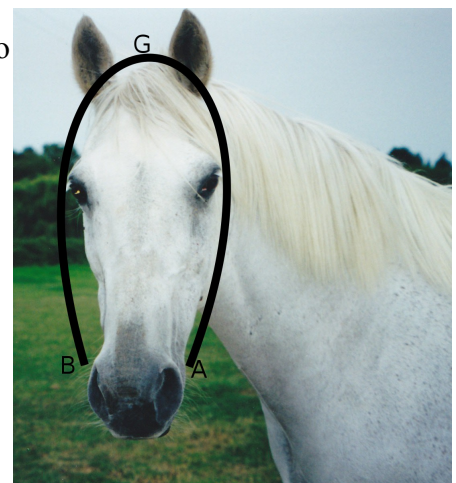
To make it easier, and to ensure that you always measure from the same points each time, mark points; C, D, E, F, and H on your horse's head with the chalk or stickers.

## Headpiece and cheeks

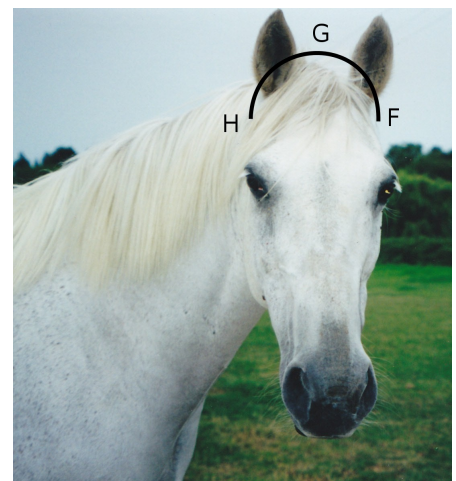
- AC – measure from the corner of the horse's mouth to the point level with the eye.



- AGB – measure from the corner of the horse's mouth, over the poll, and down to the corner of the mouth on the other side.

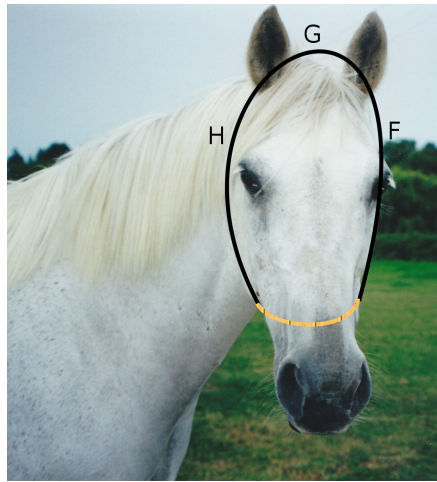


- FGH – measure from behind and below one ear, over the poll, and down to below the other ear.



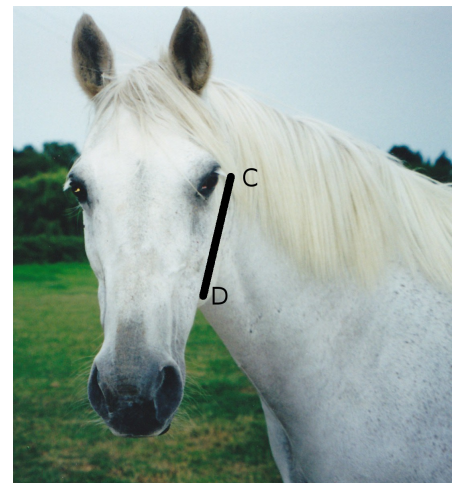
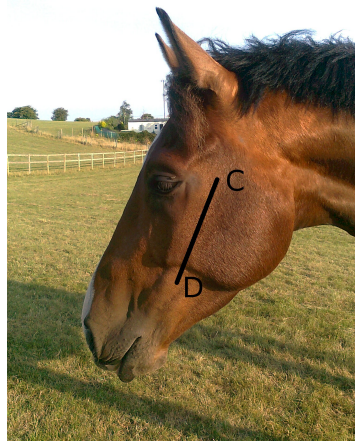


- FHF – measure from the same point under the ear, under the horse's throat and back up to under the other ear, over the poll and back to the 1<sup>st</sup> ear again. Allow enough slack to get four fingers under the tape. Alternatively you can measure FH under the throat and add it to FGH above.

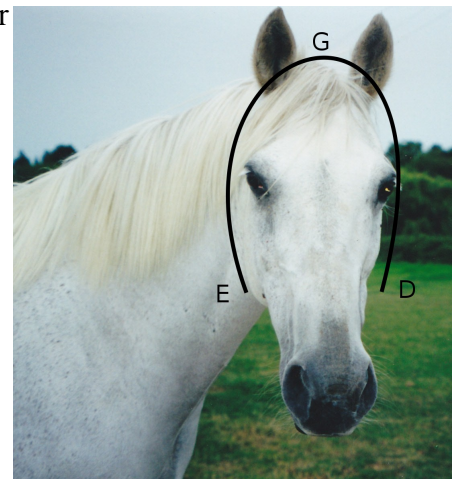


### ***Noseband***

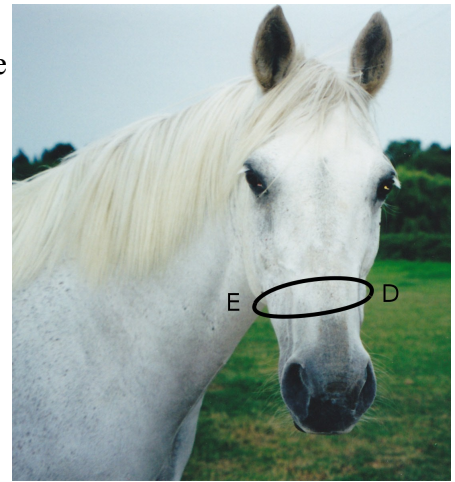
- CD – measure from the point level with the horse's eye down to two fingers below the cheek bone.



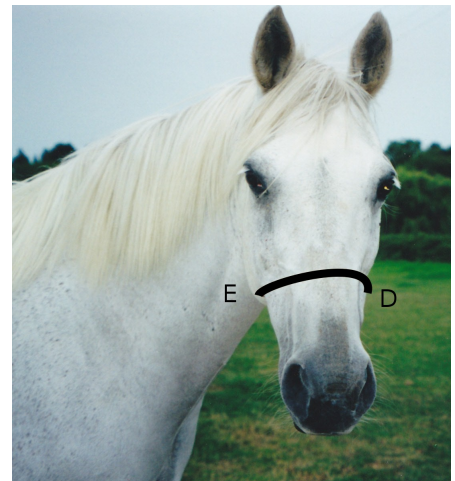
- DGE – measure from the point below the cheekbone, over the poll, and down to the point below the other cheek bone.



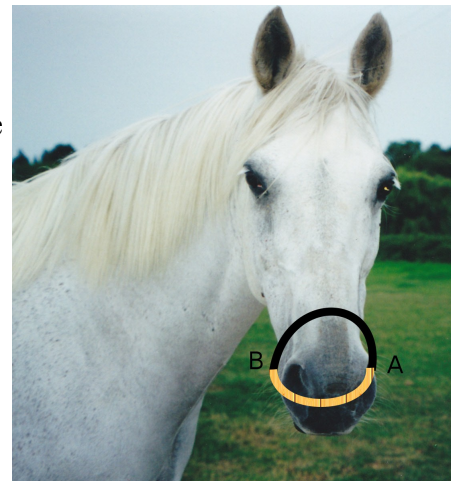
- DED – measure around the circumference of the horse's nose two fingers below the cheek bones. You should leave enough slack to get two fingers under the tape.



- DE – measure from the point behind the cheek bone, around the front of the horse's nose, to the point behind the other cheek bone.

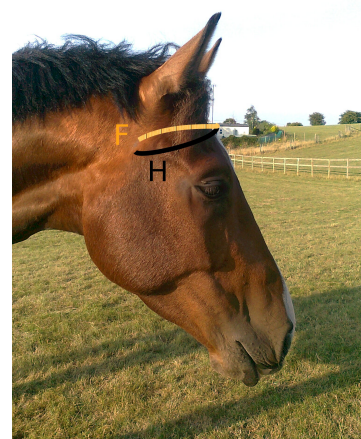
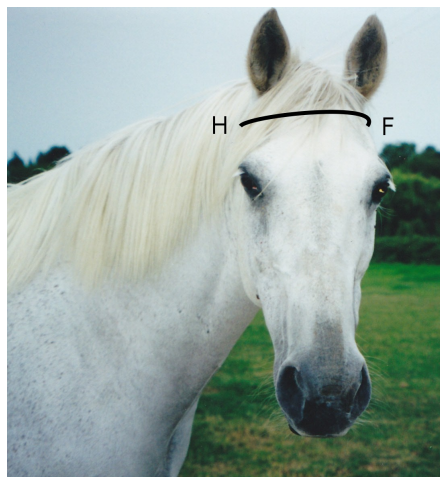


- ABA – Measure from A at the corner of your horse's mouth to a point approximately 1-inch below where the bottom of the noseband will be at the centre of your horse's nose, around the circumference to B and under the jaw back to A.



## ***Browband***

- FH – measure from behind one ear, around the horse's forehead, to behind the other ear. Leave enough slack to get two fingers under the tape.



## **Measurement translations**

These measurements will give me the following information to enable me to make a made-to-measure bridle. Ideally all buckles will be buckled up on the middle hole and level with the eyes where appropriate.

### ***Headpiece***

- AC – the length of the cheek pieces. The size of the bit ring will be subtracted from the measurement. Make sure you let me know if you have measured from the corner of the mouth or from a bit that the horse was wearing.
- AGB – the length of the cheek pieces and headpiece when the bridle is buckled up on the middle hole. Again if this was measured from the corner of the mouth then the bit ring measurement times two, will need to be subtracted from the overall dimension.
- FGH – the distance between the splits on either side of the headpiece.
- FHF – The length of the throatlatch from the buckle to the middle hole.

### ***Noseband***

- CD – the length of the noseband cheek piece.
- DGE – the total length of the noseband headpiece when buckled on the middle hole.
- DED – the length of the noseband when buckled up on the middle hole.
- DE – the distance between the noseband headpiece and the noseband cheek piece.
- ABA – the length of the flash strap from the buckle to the middle hole.

### ***Browband***

- FH – the measurement of the browband not including the loops on either end that fit around the headpiece.

## **Other information**

I will also need some other information that provide for that truly made-to-measure experience. These include;

- Width and style of the cheeks.

- Width and style of the throatlatch.
- Width and style of the noseband.
- Width and style of the browband.
- Flash required? Measure around the nose from where the bottom of the noseband will be, under the bit and back to the start.
- Double bridle.
- Padding.
- Any other specific design ideas.