



**Stage 5...**

*“We are what we repeatedly do.”  
...Aristotle*

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# FINESSE

## Tools: Snaffle Bridle, Saddle, Savvy String

### **F1. While mounted, unbridle your horse (leaving bridle on fence)**

- Student brings horse's head to them
- Horse is helpful, keeps head in lateral flexion

#### **RESULT:**

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### **F2. Place the Savvy String around your horse's neck; ride backwards and to the right and left**

- Student uses good rein positions (direct and supporting especially)
- Horse backs up, turns, willingly

#### **RESULT:**

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### **F3. Return to your bridle and put it back on your horse.**

- Student brings horse's head to them
- Horse is helpful, keeps head in lateral flexion
- Accepts bit willingly
- Student pushes ears through while lifting headpiece
- Student is considerate and coordinated with horses ears

#### **RESULT:**

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### **F4. Go from a Casual to Concentrated rein position and obtain a soft feel**

- Focus is straight ahead
- Uses 7 steps to get to concentrated position
- Elbows are bent, back erect, tight fists that are sure and steady for the horse
- Holds until soft feel is obtained, then releases

#### **RESULT:**

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