



Stage 2

“When starting or becoming something different just do it... persist, and keep building the new muscle memory or habit, and watch the magic begin to unfold...”

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FREESTYLE

Tools: Saddle, Halter, 12' Line or Savvy String (one rein only)

FS1. BACK YOUR HORSE UP A FEW STEPS.

- Focus is straight ahead.
- Backup is affected by bouncing the rein or lifting the clip.
- Lift Hold Jig
- If horse turns head student shows enough savvy to increase bouncing rhythm or to swing tail of rope to counteract.

RESULT:

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FS2. DISENGAGE THE HINDQUARTERS AND LEAD THE FRONT END AROUND, ONE AFTER THE OTHER IN A CONTINUOUS FLOW.

- Correct rein position: indirect rein, bellybutton or opposite shoulder, fingernails up. Direct rein, arm high and elbow straight with pinky finger on the outside.
- Focus is over horses tail for HQ and up and out for FQ.
- Horse disengages HQ, hind legs stepping under as they cross and then follows the feel of the direct rein moving his front legs more than his back legs.

RESULT:

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FS3. RIDE TWO WIDE FIGURES OF EIGHT AT THE TROT.

- Leaves rein on one side for a full figure eight showing direct and supporting rein. Toss rein over horse's head and repeat.
- Shows turns and counter turns.
- Maintains the trot.

RESULT:

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FREESTYLE

CONTINUED

FS4. CANTER AND BEND TO A STOP.

- Student unafraid to canter (even if only a few strides)
- Bends the horse effectively, holds bend until horse is stopped and can stay stopped.

RESULT:

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FINESSE

Tools: Natural Hackamore, Saddled

F1. PUT THE NATURAL HACKAMORE ON YOUR HORSE WHILE ON YOUR KNEES.

- Horse will keep his head down with little or no help.
- Horse's nose is 6 inches or less off the ground.
- Student correctly fits and ties the hackamore with arm over the horse's neck.
- Horse looks cooperative and relaxed.

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FINESSE

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F2. RIDE SIDWAYS TO THE RIGHT AND TO THE LEFT.

- Student focuses well ahead, to the side they are going.
- Opens leading leg, outside leg closed and pushing.
- Horse goes sideways without opposition reflex.
- Student knows how to correct horse's zones with rope or hand (swinging or tapping)

RESULT:

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ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

- Please video the tasks in order and avoid editing.
- Enclose task sheet with your choice of either a DVD or Computer Stick and mail to the office. Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope for return of assessment sheet and video. You may also provide a YouTube submission via email, however, please make sure to include your task sheet as an attachment and email to info@thehorseranch.com.
- Assessment cost is \$3 per taped minute plus GST. Please make cheques payable to: The 2005 Horse Ranch Inc., contact The Horse Ranch directly for Credit Card payment, or E-transfer to: glenn@thehorseranch.com

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