



Everyday attention preserves function, beauty and prevents breakage.

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Cleaning your tack after every ride should be a part of horsemanship duties everyday. Horse sweat contains salt and dirt that needs to be removed. Dirty tack has the potential to create sores, fungus and skin rashes.

Also, tack is expensive and it will last a lifetime if properly cared for. I clean my bridle, saddle, stirrup leathers, girth, boots and leather halter daily. Tack leather is porous and will become dry and brittle if not cleaned, so cleaning it is just another part of caring for your horse.

Supplies

I use plain old glycerin saddle soap, a sponge and rags and a small bucket of warm water. There are so many products to make it easier to clean tack, but the one thing that gives me the richest result, when it comes to clean, shiny and pretty, is that bar of glycerin soap. I work more with the rag than the sponge because a rag really cleans better.

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