

The IV Horse guide to

Winter Turnout Rugs

(...and how to spot a good one!)

As the Winter approaches (it already feels like it has arrived some days), finding a good turnout rug is as important as working out how the blooming modern all-singing-all-dancing electronic thermostat works.

Being based in Aberdeenshire and with manufacturing bases in Scotland and the North of England, believe us when we say that we know what should go into making a high quality Winter turnout rug... Brrrrr!



Materials

Turnout rugs have an essential purpose: to keep the elements at bay whilst retaining body heat. All IV Horse turnout rugs are crafted from a durable 600 denier breathable waterproof fabric with nylon linings, to ensure your horse is cosy and dry without being wet or sweaty (our smooth linings feel lovely on the coat too—and gives it a nice sheen!).

We use double rip-stop outer fabric as standard for maximum durability, utilising a special reinforcement technique to make our turnouts resistant to large rips and tears. It's the same technique used for safety-essential items such as parachutes and hot air balloons (don't worry—your horse won't be taking off in our rugs).

Features

Sprung cross surcingles, gusseted tail flaps, quick release fastenings, removeable leg straps, D-rings, combi-neck covers, detachable neck covers, stainless steel fittings... Our turnout rugs come with the right combination of innovative high quality features for the rug, with many great features coming as standard across all lines.

The Glorious British Weather

The British weather is more changeable than a female presenter at the Eurovision Song Contest. That's why we offer our turnout rugs in a range of weights from lightweight to heavyweight—all to the same high standard and spec—and with a range of neck options, so you'll always have the right rug on hand for the balmy/barmy conditions this Winter.

Mini Patterns, Maximum Research

Our leading range of Wee Pony rugs uses patterns developed with top horse owners and small ponies, including show pony Marco Polo. Unlike others on the market, our mini rugs are not simply reductions of horse size rugs, meaning your little 'un will be warm, cosy and comfortable in our well-fitting turnouts.