

H+P Care It's a snip



Before: This mane is in need of some serious TLC!

After: Lookin' good! Now all this horse needs is a name!



Before: This frizz bomb is in need of a restyle.

Going solo

Lorraine says: "A solo comb is the main tool I use when I'm tidying up the horses. The combs do a nice job on the manes and horses prefer them, I normally only use a pulling comb on thicker manes which need thinning out."



Makeover No 2

Lorraine's next customer is a five-year-old unbroken horse who's only been at Paul's for a week – such a short amount of time he hasn't even got a name yet! Paul is starting to break him in to ride but his wild locks need taming too. "As he's so young I will pull his mane in his own stable so that it's less stressful for him. It's important that you're gentle with a young horse and his first hair care experience is a nice one."



Lorraine has a spray bottle of dipper blend mane conditioner. She always has some ready for use.

How to...

Pull a mane

Pulling your pony's mane will make it shorter and thinner so it won't get in the way of your reins. But, if you show your pony as a native, or they winter out, don't pull their mane!



1. Lorraine combs the mane so that it's straight on one side. She does this with water to help it lie flat.



2. Beginning at the neck Lorraine uses a solo comb to pull the hairs.

3. The wither end of a horse's mane is shorter and sticks up. Lorraine leaves it as is, hoping this will help it thicken up.

4. Lorraine finishes trimming the braid. This is where the headpiece sits.



After: Looking good! Sooo much easier to plait.



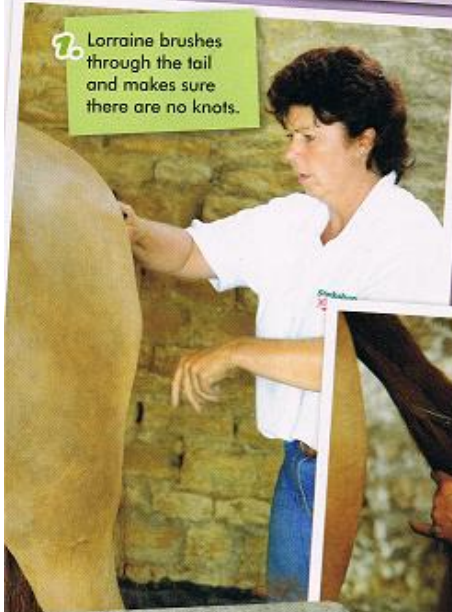
How to...

Pull a tail

Tail pulling can be tricky. Lorraine uses a solo comb so it's not painful to the horse or pony, but you must be very careful. This is an expert job so get an adult to help, and keep to the side as much as possible.

Don't pull your pony's tail if they live outside or you show them as a native.

Pulled tails look smart and if your pony rubs his tail, so it's too short to plait, pulling can make it tidier. On the downside, pulled tails take a lot of caring for and will look a mess when they are growing out again.



You and clipping

H+P recommends you get an adult to clip your horse or pony. It can be dangerous, even if your pony normally likes attention. Also, clipping lines can be hard to get straight! Find out when your yard is planning to do some clipping and ask if you can watch so you can see what happens. Remember, if you're in the stable whilst clipping is going on wear a hat and boots, just in case, and a face mask (so you don't breathe in any hair). Lorraine is an adult and has a load of experience so it's a bit different for her.

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