

University of Findlay

Tack List

- Underlined words are links, and are suggestions/ideas, so you know what you need. You don't need to get that exact product from the link.
- Please do not bring your own tack locker; one is provided for each student. A per-semester fee for the locker will be charged to the student's account.
- Anything in orange is required; you must have it for that year. The rest will be handy to have.
- The list has been updated as of 5/28/2026.

- There will be a tack sale at the University Western Farm on February 8, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- The sale is hosted by the Great Lakes Appaloosa Horse Club and will feature a variety of new and gently used tack and equine equipment. The event is open to the public.
- A small admission fee will be collected at the door.
- For additional information, please contact the Western Farm Office at 419-434-4656.

Problems, Questions, Concerns, Feedback?

- Link not working?
- Something missing that you believe could be helpful for others?
- Questions? Concerns?

Please fill out this Google form, and we will do our best to get to it as soon as possible.

- <https://forms.gle/8hdiyxEj3cX7ttn8>

These items are an essential part of your learning experience and education at Findlay, and will be a part of your commitment to the horse industry.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact:

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These are some examples of how students in the Western Equestrian Program organize their tack lockers.



Western - Freshman

Halters & Lead Ropes

1 Nylon Halter

- Size: Horse or Full

1 Rope Halter

- Size: Horse or Full

1 Lead Rope with chain or connectable chain

1 Lead Rope without chain

Western Saddle

1 Western Saddle

- Some Options One, Two
- Size - 15" - 16.5" seat
 - May need larger for some riders
- Recommended Brands
 - Bob's
 - Blue Ribbon
 - Harris
 - Wenger

- Rough-out or smooth, but must be leather; NO SYNTHETIC
- Gullet Size: about 7"
- Skirt: Square or square with round corners

Facebook Marketplace is a good option to find a used one. You should expect to pay \$500 - \$2,000 for a new saddle. If buying used, look up the new price to compare.



Western Saddle Continued

- Types:
 - Training
 - Reining
 - Cutting
 - Western pleasure/all around
- Preferably no barrel saddles



LIGHTWEIGHT
WORK SADDLE



Western Saddle Pad

- ¾” to 1” thick
- Make sure it fits under your saddle so the saddle will not come into direct contact with the horse.
 - 32 x 32
- Material: canvas/felt, canvas/wool, neoprene underside
- Educational Information

Western Girth

- Size: 30” - 32”
- Neoprene
- Educational Information

Bridle

Headstalls

- Harness Leather

Reins

- Harness Leather
- 6' minimum - 7' maximum
- 1/2" or 5/8" wide

Caveson

Leather Care Supplies

- Cleaner & Conditioner
- Silver Polish
- Boot Polish
- Tack Sponges
- Microfiber Cloths
- Toothbrushes

Bits

Medium Shank Snaffle

- 6 - 7"
- Loose

Correction

- 5 - 7" Shank

D-Ring Snaffle

Curb Chain

Twisted Wire D-Ring

Smooth Ring Snaffle

NO TOM THUMB

Leg Protection

Splint Boots Neoprene

- Size: Medium

Polo Wraps

No Bow Quilts

- Size: 12"

Standing Bandage Wraps

Lunging

Lunge line

- 20' minimum
- Cotton
- Extra chain for lunge line

Lunge Whip

Driving Line Rope

- Cotton
- Size: 50 ft,
- Diameter: 1/2"
- 2 Double Side Clips

OR

An alternative suggestion is to get a second lunge line.

Grooming & Bathing Equipment

Grooming Bag

Dandy Brush: Stiff Bristle

Body Brush: Soft Bristle

Rubber Curry Comb

Mane & Tail Brush & Comb

Small Metal Mane Comb

Hoof Pick

2 Rags/towels

Shampoo & Conditioner

Sponge: options: One, Two, Three

Sweat Scraper

ShowSheen

GreenSpot Remover

Banding Supplies

Rubber Bands

- Black/Brown/White/Chestnut

Comb - The end helps when separating the mane to band

Hairspray - Helps keep them in place

Hair Gel - Helps keep them in place

Clippers

- Options: One, Two, Three
- Motor operation required
- Blades #40 & #10
- Cool Lube
- Extension Cord
- Clipper Oil
- Blade Wash

Spurs

- Option: One, Two
- No clip-on
- 2 ½" - 3" or less shank

- Straps

Scissors

- Extra is a good idea

Digital Equine Thermometer

Zipper Sleazy

- Large eye & ear holes
- Size: Medium

Cooler

- Option: One, Two
- Size: Medium 70" - 75"

Sheet

- Size: Medium 70" - 75"

Western Boots & Test Shirt

Western Boots

- Smooth soles with low to no tread
- Low heel
- Round or square toes

Ariat is a good brand and meets these requirements.

Test Shirt

- Options: One, Two, Three
- Long sleeve
- Button down
- Collar
- Must be worn for riding tests

Barn Jeans

Jeans

- Bootcut
- Recommended Brands
 - Ariat
 - Wrangler
 - Cinch

Safety Pins: To hold finals numbers on

Cold Weather Gear (Not Required)

While the items on this slide are optional, students will spend some time outdoors during the winter months, and Ohio weather can become very cold, wet, and windy. The linked items are examples of what students have commonly used at the barn in the past and are not required purchases.

- Winter Jacket/coat
- Gloves
- Heated Vest
- Bib Overall
- Hat/headband
- Base layers/sweatshirts
- Warm socks
- Additional pair of insulated boots

Things that May Come Handy (Not Required)

- Leather Gloves
- Hooks - Some lockers have screws where you can hang up 2
- Screwdriver
- Stall Ties
- Little Clippers - for touch-ups on test day
- Vet wrap
- Extra Testing Shirts
- Vaseline - Helps get the thermometer in
- Clorox Spray - To disinfect tack
- Pocket Knife
- Chicago Screws - Only get if your headstall has them

Recommend To Bring If Have Already - May Want Later

- Romel Rein
- Leather hole punch
- Fly Spray
- Horse Treats

Extra of the Following (Optional)

- Headstalls
- Halters & Lead Ropes
- Grooming Equipment & Bag;
Clean set for tests is nice
- Coolers
- Sheets

Organizational Storage (Not Required)

- Storage Bag - Fits well at the bottom of the locker
- Other containers that have lids

Toolbox for Clippers

- Storage Case
- Blade Case

The locker gets dusty, so having things in containers and bags will help keep stuff clean. It will also keep your locker looking neat and organized.

If you plan to ride English at the Western Farm

None of this is required unless you want to participate in the English unit. The unit is not required; however, it is highly encouraged. These items are needed if you choose to participate in the English unit.

English Tack

English Hunt Seat Saddle

- Close contact with knee rolls
- No synthetic
- Size: 16 - 17.5
- Recommended Brands
 - Pessoa
 - Toulouse
 - Kincade

Saddle Pads

- Bounce Pad
- English Riding Pad

English Girth

- Size: 48 - 52
- Girth extender
- Educational Information

Bridle

Headstall

Bits

- D-Ring Snaffle
- Full Cheek Snaffle

Helmet & Other Gear

Helmet

- With Chin Strap
- SEI Approved

Required as a sophomore and if you ride English.

Breeches - Educational Information

Hunt Boots & Half Chaps

or

Tall Boot

I would recommend going to a store and trying them on. The links are just so you have an idea of what you are looking for.

Western - Sophomore

Side Pull or Rope Hackamore

- Hackamore options: One, Two
- Rope hackamore is preferred

Make sure that your headstall has a browband.

Splint Boots

- Small to fit young horses

Rope Halter

- Size: Small to fit young horses

Helmet

- With Chin Strap
- SEI Approved
- Required for round pen

Spurs

- Short shank with dull rowels
- No clip-on spurs

Martingale

- Type: String with Neck Strap

Western Saddle Pad

Leather Curb Strap

Lariat

Bits

- Teardrop Tom Thumb
- D-Ring Snaffle
- O-Ring Snaffle

- Leather Gloves
- 2 Lung Lines

Western - Junior

Bits

- Solid Mouthpiece
- Long shank Correction

Reins

- Draw Reins

Western - Senior

Boots

Bell Boots

- Size: Medium

Skid Boots

- Size: Medium