



## Quarter Marks

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Quarter marks have been the talk of the town lately, with these stylish and unique accents seeming to be back in style. These marks were first used for in-hand classes to help promote a conformational strength such as a well-developed haunch; they were also used for hunts as a bit of flair.

There are a lot of possible styles, as with any hairstyle, but here we focus on two in particular: the 'V' and the checkerboard.

The procedure is very simple and only requires minimal equipment.

The required supplies include a wet, oval-shaped brush, a pulling comb, and hair spray or gel.

To do the 'V', wet the brush and dampen the rump. Add a small amount of hair spray or gel to the hair at this point, but not too much.

With the damp brush, stroke the shape of the 'V'.

Finish by defining the bottom and top of the 'V'. Re-brush the hair under and above the 'V' to clearly define the edges. It is also possible to add a line down the hamstring muscle for definition.

For the checkerboard start the same way with the wet brush and gel.

Brush the hair on the rump in the proper direction.

Then, take a pulling comb or hair comb that you have shortened to the length you would like the checkers to be, and start a line of checks. To make the checks, comb the hair straight down.

On the second row, make the checks in the diagonal spaces. Proceed to make as many rows as you have space, or as far as you desire.

Again finish this pattern off with a stroke along the spine and clear up the top and bottom of the design. Again a line down the hamstring muscle can create more definition.