

# TIMELINE

## One month before shoot:

- book a hair/makeup artist for your shoot
- haircut
- farrier trimming (if applicable)
- plan and purchase your outfits

## Week of:

- nails
- clean horse tack
- clip coat and pull mane/tail

## Day before:

- iron/steam all clothes and hang up to reduce wrinkles
- clean all boots
- braid mane/tail if you want them crimped for the photos

## Day of:

- Arrive at barn early
- lunge/work horse
- bathe/groom horse
- makeup/get dressed
- tack up
- shoot!

## Outfits:

- Your clothing is all about highlighting your own personal style, just make sure it is clean and wrinkle free!
- If you are going to be dressed more casual, I suggest tacking your horse in non-show tack, and if you will be in formal show attire, ensure your horse is in show tack or at least a show bridle
- If you are having a hard time finding outfits, I suggest looking for Instagram and Pinterest inspiration to help get the juices flowing
- Keep in mind the colors that not only look best on you, but also compliment the coat color of your horse; when in doubt, a neutral is always a wise option!



# YOUR EQUESTRIAN SESSION

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# LUNGING & GROOMING

*set yourself up to have a calm,  
relaxed horse for your session*

**First, work your horse to ensure relaxation for the shoot**

- You know your horse best, so lunge or work as long as you deem appropriate to help your horse relax
- When in doubt, work to the extent of having your horse almost tired; they will perk back up for photos, don't worry!

**Next, time to get that mane nice and glam**

- Once your horse is tired, go ahead and groom your horse like you would prepare for a show (or a night on the town)
- If you are going to take formal show attire photos, ensure manes are braided
- Make sure any chrome is bright and white, as it will \*pop\* in the photos
- Trim hair on feet, if you desire a nice clean look



After your horse is fully groomed, put them away in a clean stall and get ready. Use this time to decompress, touch up your makeup from earlier or do your makeup, and get dressed!

I also suggest that this is a good time for a big snack or a meal. On hot Texas days you need your energy!

- Makeup for touchups
- mirror for touch ups
- hair spray
- brush
- fly spray
- bug spray
- baby wipes
- multiple hand towels
- shine spray for coat
- Tide to Go pen
- dry shampoo
- dry brush for coat
- XL hair clip
- lint roller for stray hairs

## BRING WITH YOU

