
Common Horse Colors



Gray

Markings: right front sock, left & right rear socks (face unclear).

Body color mixture of white with any other colored hairs; often born solid colored or almost solid colored and get lighter with age as more white hairs appear.



Appaloosa

Markings: dark front end with white spots, rear is white with dark spots. Star and strip on face. No special white markings on legs.



Buckskin

Markings: fore pasterns white, left hind sock.

Body color yellowish or gold; mane and tail black; usually black on lower legs. Buckskins have dorsal stripes (withers to tail).



Palomino

Markings: none.

Body color golden yellow; mane and tail white; Palominos do not have dorsal stripes.



Bay

Markings: blaze, & socks on all feet.

Body color ranging from tan, through red to reddish brown; mane and tail black; usually black on lower legs (black points).



Dark Chestnut

Markings: a star, strip and snip & stockings on all hind legs.
Body color dark red or brownish-red; mane and tail usually dark red or brownish red, but may be flaxen.



Sorrel or Chestnut

Markings: star, strip and snip, left fore pastern white, right hind stocking, left hind sock.



Red Dun

Markings: none
Body color yellowish or flesh colored; mane, tail, and dorsal stripe usually are red.