Patterns for Montana 4-H Horse Shows

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Tips for pattern users:

- These patterns are presented as ideas and options to consider for county and state 4-H horse shows in Montana. Use of these patterns is not required.

- Always check the pattern against the project assessment checklist found in horse project books to make sure it meets your expectations. The State 4-H Horse committee’s goal was to develop patterns that meet and do not exceed assessment requirements for individual levels.

- Some of the 90 degree, 180 degree, 360 degree, etc. turns are not designated as hindquarter or forehand turns, so show management can designate what kind of turn they would like to be executed in the pattern or use the patterns as is and leave the decision up to the contestant or judge to choose.

- Unless otherwise indicated, lead changes are simple lead changes. Horsemanship Level 6, Colt to Maturity 5-Year-Olds, and Green Horse Level 4 can do flying lead changes.

- English Horsemanship riders Level 3 and up should ride the trot on the correct diagonal.

- In Hunter Hack patterns, only senior level exhibitors should hand gallop.

- There are pattern options for Colt to Maturity 2-Year-Olds and Green Horse Level 1, but show management may opt to just do rail work for this level.

- There are not specific patterns for English Colt to Maturity and Green Horse, but the existing Western patterns may be adapted to become English patterns with a change in terminology (change jog to trot, stop to halt, lope to canter, etc.).

- Ranch Horse patterns can be found in the Ranch Horse curriculum.

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1. Walk A to B
2. At B jog to D
3. At D stop and back 4 steps.

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1. Jog A to B
2. At B perform a figure eight, beginning to the right
3. Continue the jog from B to C
4. At C stop and back 4 steps

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Western Horsemanship (Level 1)

Show Date:

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Western Horsemanship (level 1)

Show Date:

Be ready at A.

1. Walk A to B.
2. Jog at B, around C and to D.
3. Stop at D and back approximately one horse length.

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Western Horsemanship (Level 1)

Show Date:

1. Walk A to B
2. Jog a circle at B.
3. Continue the jog to C.
4. At C stop and back 4 steps.

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Western Horsemanship (Level 1)

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1. Walk from A to B
2. Jog from B to D
3. Jog around D to C
4. At C stop and back four steps
5. Jog from C to E
6. At E stop
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Western Horsemanship (Level 1)

Show Date:

Be ready at A.
1. Walk from A to B.
2. Jog from B to C.
3. Even with C, jog a circle to the right.
4. Stop at C and back one horse length

Retire to the rail or line up at a jog.

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Western Horsemanship (Level 1)

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Walk
Jog
Extended Jog
Lope
Leg Yield
Lead Change
Back
Marker
Sidepass

1. Jog A to B
2. Jog a circle around B
3. At B walk to C
4. Stop at C

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Western Horsemanship (Level 2)

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Be ready prior to A.

1. Walk to A.
2. Jog A to B.
3. At B, jog a circle to the left.
4. At B, lope a circle to the right.
5. Continue the lope to C.
6. Stop at C and and back approximately one horse length.
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Western Horsemanship (Level 2)
Show Date:

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1. Jog from A to and around B
2. At B lope to C
3. Stop at C and perform a 90 degree turn the left
4. Jog to D
5. At D stop and back 4 steps

Walk
Jog
Extended Jog
Lope
Leg Yield
Lead Change
Back
Marker
Sidepass

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1. Walk A to B
2. At B jog to C
3. At C lope to D
4. At D jog to E
5. Stop at E

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Western Horsemanship (Level 2)

Show Date: 

Be ready at A.

1. Jog to B.
2. Lope a circle to the right at B.
3. Continue to lope to C.
4. Jog C to D.
5. Walk D to E.
6. Stop at E and back approximately one horse length.

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Be ready at A.
1. Jog from A to B.
2. Jog in a circle to the right at B.
3. Lope on the left lead to C and circle to the left.
4. Continue to lope to D.
5. Stop and D and back one horse length.

Retire to the rail or line up at a jog.
Be ready at A.

1. Walk from A halfway to B.
2. Jog the rest of the way to B.
3. Lope a circle to the right.
4. Jog from B to C.
5. Stop at C and back one horse length.

Retire to the rail or line up at a jog.

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Show Date:

Be ready at A.

1. Walk halfway to center.
2. Jog to center.
3. Lope a circle to the right.
4. Jog a circle to the left.
5. Jog to B.

Pattern is over once you have passed B at the jog.

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1. Walk A to B.
2. At B lope on the right lead to C.
3. At C perform a lead change and continue on the left lead around C.
4. Stop at C.
5. Perform a 180 degree turn to the right.
6. Extend the jog around C.
7. Stop at D and back + steps.
1. Jog A to B
2. At B lope a circle to the right on the right lead
3. Stop at B and perform a 180 degree turn to the left
4. Lope a half circle around to C
5. At C jog to D
6. At D walk to E
7. At E stop and back 4 steps
1. Walk to A
2. At A lope on the left lead to B
3. At B lope a circle to the left and continue to C
4. Stop past C and sidepass right
5. Back 3 steps
6. Preform a 180 degree turn to the right on the hindquarters
7. Lope on the right lead to D
8. At D extend the jog around D
9. Stop at E

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1. Beginning to the right of A, jog around the left side of B to the right side of C.
2. Stop at C and perform a 180 degree turn to the right on the hindquarter.
3. Lope a circle around C on the right lead.
4. Stop at C and perform a 90 degree forehand turn to the left.
5. Jog to D.
6. Stop at D and back approximately one horse length.

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Western Horsemanship (Level 3)

Show Date:

Be ready at A.

1. Walk from A to center of pattern.
2. Jog until even with B.
3. Lope a half circle on the right lead to and around B.
4. Perform a simple lead change in the center of the pattern.
5. Lope a half circle on the left lead to C.
6. Jog until even with B.
7. Stop and back approximately one horse length.
8. Perform a 180 degree hindquarter turn right and walk off.

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Be ready at A.

1. Walk to B.
2. Lope on the right lead from B to C.
3. Stop at C and turn 180 degrees to the left on the hindquarter.
4. Jog circle to the left.
5. Stop at C and turn 180 degrees to the right on the hindquarter.
6. Lope on the right lead to D.
7. Stop at D and back approximately one horse length.

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1. Walk A to B.
2. At B jog to C.
3. At C perform a 180 degree turn to the right on the hindquarter.
4. Lope a half circle around D on the left lead.
5. When between D and E jog.
6. Jog a half circle around E.
7. Stop at E and perform a 180 degree turn to the left on the hindquarter.
8. Jog to F.
9. At F stop.
1. Walk from A to B
2. Jog from B to C
3. At C lope a circle on the right lead to the right
4. At D perform a simple lead change
5. At E lope a circle to the left on the left lead
6. At F stop and back one horse length
7. Jog to the exit
Be ready at A.
1. Jog from A to B.
2. Stop at B and perform a 360 degree turn to the right.
3. Lope on the right lead to C.
4. Even with C, break to an extended jog and circle to the right.
5. Stop at C and back one horse length

Retire to the rail or line up at a jog.
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Western Horsemanship (Level 4)

Show Date:

Be ready at A.
1. Jog from A to B.
2. Extend the jog at B and circle to the right at the extended jog.
3. Lope on the left lead to C.
4. Change leads between C and D.
5. Lope on the right lead to E.
6. Stop at E and back one horse length.

Retire to the rail or line up at a jog.

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1. Walk to A
2. Jog A to B
3. Stop at B and perform a 360 degree turn to the left
4. Jog B to C
5. Stop at C and perform a 90 degree turn to the right
6. Lope a half circle to B on the right lead
7. At B perform a lead change and lope a half circle to A on the left lead
8. Stop at A
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Western Horsemanship (Level 4)

Show Date:

Be ready before marker A.

1. Walk to A.
2. Stop and back approximately one horse length.
3. Execute a $3/4$ turn to the right and lope on the right lead.
4. Change leads and lope on the left lead to B.
5. Stop at B and execute a $1/2$ turn to the left.
6. Extend the trot to exit.

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Western Horsemanship (Level 5)

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Be ready at A WITHOUT STIRRUPS
1. Jog from A to B.
2. Extend the jog at B and circle to the right at the extended jog.
3. Lope on the left lead to C.
4. Walk from C to D and pick up your stirrups while walking.
5. Lope on the right lead to E.
6. Stop at E and back one horse length

Retire to the rail or line up at a jog.
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Western Horsemanship (Level 5)

Show Date: [WH/3-3]

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Be ready at A.
1. Lope on the left lead towards B.
2. Halfway between A and B lope a circle to the left on the left lead.
3. Halfway between A and B perform a simple lead change.
4. Lope past B. Stop and perform a 225 degree turn to the right.
5. Jog towards C.
6. Halfway between B and C extend the jog.
7. At C walk, walk around C.
8. At C stop and back approximately one horse length.
Follow the instructions of your ring steward.

Walk  -----------
Jog  ---
Extended Jog  ---
Lope  -------
Leg Yield  #  #  #
Lead Change  
Back  
Marker  B
Sidepass  

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1. Walk to A
2. At A lope on the left lead to B
3. At B lope a circle to the left and continue to C
4. Stop past C and sidepass right
5. Back 3 steps
6. Perform a 180 degree spin to the right on the hindquarters
7. Lope on the right lead to D
8. At D extend the jog around D
9. Stop at E

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Western Horsemanship (Level 5)

Show Date:

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1. Extend the jog A to B
2. Stop at B and perform a 360 degree turn to the right
3. Lope on the right lead around B
4. Half way between B and C change leads and continue to and around C
5. Jog halfway between C and D
6. At D stop and back
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Western Horsemanship (Level 5)

Show Date:

1. Extend the jog from A to B.
2. Lope left lead from B to C.
3. Stop at C and perform a 360 degree spin to the right on the hindquarters.
4. Back to B.
5. Stop and perform a 180 degree spin to the left on the hindquarters.
6. Lope right lead to A.
7. At A jog. Jog to the line-up.

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1. Begin at A. Lope left lead to B
2. At B stop and perform a 360 degree spin on the hindquarters to the left
3. Extend the jog to C
4. Normal jog from C to D
5. Lope right lead from D to E
6. At E stop and back
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Show Date:

Be ready before A.

1. Walk to A.
2. Jog to B. Stop and turn 180 degrees left on the forehand.
3. Lope a circle to the left on the left lead.
4. Stop at B. Turn 180 degrees to the right on the forehand.
5. Perform an extended jog circle to the right.
6. Slow to the jog at B.
7. Jog to C.
8. Stop at C and back approximately one horse length.
9. Sidepass to the right 6 steps.
Follow the instructions of your ring steward.

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Western Horsemanship (Level 5)

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Western Horsemanship (Level 5)

Show Date:

Be ready at A.

1. Jog from A to B.
2. Lope a circle to the right in the right lead.
3. Halfway between B and C, perform a simple lead change.
4. Lope on the left lead to D.
5. Stop at D and back approximately one horse length.
6. Spin 1 3/4 turn on the hindquarter to the left and walk off.

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1. Jog A to B
2. Stop at B and perform a 360 degree turn to the left on the forehand.
3. Counter canter on the right lead around C to D
4. Stop at D and perform a 180 degree spin to the right on the hindquarter.
5. Extend the jog in a circle around D
6. Stop D and perform a 180 degree spin to the left on the hindquarter.
7. Lope on the left lead to E
8. Stop at E and back 4 steps

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Western Horsemanship (Level 5)

Show Date:

Be ready at A.

1. Lope on the left lead from A to B.
2. Stop at B and perform two 360 degree spins to the right on the hindquarter.
3. Lope on the right lead to C.
4. Even with C, break to an extended jog and circle to the right.
5. Stop at C and back one horse length.

Retire to the rail or line up at a jog.

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Western Horsemanship (Level 6)

Show Date:

Be ready at A.

1. Lope on the left lead to B.
2. Walk B to C.
3. Lope on the right lead to D.
4. Lope a large fast circle to the right.
5. Lope a small slow circle to the right.
6. Stop at D and perform a 180 degree spin to the left.
7. Extend the jog to B.
8. Stop at B and back to C.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.

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1. Jog A to B
2. At B extend the jog to C
3. Stop at C and perform a 360 degree turn to the left
4. Lope a small, slow circle around C on the left lead
5. Stop at C and perform a 360 degree turn to the right
6. Lope a circle with speed around C on the right lead
7. At C extend the jog to D
8. Stop at D and back approximately one horse length.
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Western Horsemanship (Level 6)

Show Date: WH/3-30

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Be ready before A.
1. Walk to A.
2. Jog A to B.
3. Stop at B and perform 2 360 degree spins to the left.
4. Perform an extended jog from B to C.
5. Stop at C and turn 90 degrees to the right.
6. Lope a half circle to B on the right lead.
7. At B perform a flying lead change and lope a half circle to A on the left lead.
8. Stop at A and back approximately one horse length.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.
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Western Horsemanship (Level 6)

Show Date:

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Be ready at A.

1. Extend the jog from A to B.
2. Stop at B and complete 2 360 degree spins to the right.
3. Lope a large fast circle to the right.
4. At B, slow to a lope.
5. Halfway between B and C, change leads.
6. Lope on the left lead to D.
7. Stop at D and back approximately one horse length.
8. Spin 3/4 turn to the left and walk off.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.
Be ready at A.

1. Walk halfway to center.
2. Jog to center.
3. Lope a circle to the right.
4. Lope a larger, faster circle to the right.
5. Extended jog circle to the left.
6. Stop at center.
7. Spin 1/2 a turn to the left.
8. Back approximately one horse length.
9. Spin 1 1/2 turns to the right.
10. Jog to B.

Pattern is over once you have passed B at the jog.

Follow the directions of your ring steward.

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Be ready at A.
1. Jog 2 strides from A.
2. Extend the jog to B around the square corner and to C.
3. Pick up the right lead and lope a small slow circle to the right.
4. Return to C and lope a larger circle with speed
5. Perform a flying lead change at C and continue in the left lead to D.
6. Stop at D. Spin 180 degrees to the right on the hindquarter.
7. Jog a circle around D.
8. Stop at D and back approximately one horse length.
9. Spin two turns to the left on the hindquarter.
10. Follow the instructions of your ring steward.
1. Jog A to B
2. Extend the jog to and around C
3. Stop at C and perform 2 360 degree spins to the right
4. Lope with speed to D in the right lead
5. At D perform a flying lead change then slow the lope and continue to E in the left lead
6. At E walk, walk a circle around E
7. At E stop and back

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Be ready at A.

1. Lope on the left lead to B.
2. Perform a flying lead change at B.
3. Lope on the right lead to C.
4. Stop at C and perform two 360 degree spins to the right on the hindquarter.
5. Back to B.
6. Turn 180 degrees to the left on the forehand.
7. Jog to A.
8. Walk at A and turn the corner to the right.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.