



A guide to how to measure yourself for perfectly fitting riding boots

As one of the most important pieces of riding equipment it is absolutely vital that your riding boots fit you correctly. Before ordering your newly chosen boots from our extensive collection you will need to establish your correct foot and leg measurements. These will include the length of each foot, to establish your foot size, your calf width and the measurement from the base of your foot to the knee. For some boots you may also need to measure your lower leg width adjacent to the ankle.

Once you have established your vital leg and foot measurements you will be able to enter these into a form during the order process. A member of the Dogwood team will then translate these measurements into the best fitting boot for you. Whilst you may be aware that riding boots have a tendency to stretch or 'give' a little in the calf and 'drop' in height, it is important that you stick to our guide and give exact measurements. We will then add an appropriate amount to the height measurement to allow for 'drop' according to the riding boot that you have chosen and make any adjustments to the calf width measurement so that when the boots 'give' they will still fit you snugly. It is also important when taking your measurements that you wear your normal horse riding attire as your calf measurement will be markedly different with and without jodhpurs for instance.

Measuring for the height of your riding boot

In a seated position with bare feet, measure from the bottom of your heel to the crease of your knee; record this measurement in cm. (NB. For Konigs riding boots you will need to measure from the bottom of your heel to the knobby bit at the side of your knee that protrudes the furthest from your knee-joint – to find this if you place your fingers at the front of your knee joint and then slide your fingers around the knee to the side and feel around until you find the part of your knee bone that sticks out the most). You may find it easier to have a friend take this measurement for you. Do not allow any tolerance to compensate for the riding boot to 'drop' – we will add an appropriate amount to your measurement to allow for this (as this measurement may vary from one brand of riding boots to another).

Measuring for the correct calf fitting

Standing in an upright position, feet flat to the floor, have a friend measure round the widest part of your calf (over the top of your normal riding legwear). Once again, record this measurement in cms.

Your foot size

Most people are aware of their foot size, but you may be measuring-up for a growing teenager or just wish to check on your own size if you are uncertain. The following is a guide to help you, however if you are unsure you should always seek the advice of a professional shoe fitter to determine correct measurements.

In a seated position with your foot pushed firmly to the floor and your leg angled slightly forwards towards your toes with the shin being slightly in front of the ankle, trace the outline of your foot onto a piece of paper. You should wear the socks that you intend to wear under your riding boots. Be sure to hold the pencil in an upright position drawing

the pencil-line as close to the foot as possible and always keeping the line at the outline of your foot and not underneath it.

When you have your outline on the paper draw two parallel lines at the top and bottom of your foot and using a tape measure or ruler, measure the distance from the top to the bottom line and record this measurement. Depending upon how accurately you have drawn the line around your foot, you may need to subtract up to 4 or 5 mm to provide for the difference between your actual foot size and the outline you have drawn on the paper and also to allow a little room in your boot to give space for your toes to move.

Using the conversion table below you should be able to determine the correct riding boot size for you.

Inches	Cm	UK	EU	USA
4.33	11.01	1	17	2.5
4.67	11.85	2	18	3.5
5.00	12.70	3	19	4.5
5.33	13.55	4	20	5.5
5.67	14.39	5	22	6.5
6.00	15.24	6	23	7.5
6.33	16.09	7	24	8.5
6.67	16.93	8	25	9.5
7.00	17.78	9	27	10.5
7.33	18.63	10	28	11.5
7.67	19.47	11	29	12.5
8.00	20.32	12	30	13.5
8.33	21.17	13	32	14.5
8.67	22.01	1	33	2.5
9.00	22.86	2	34	3.5
9.33	23.71	3	36	4.5
9.67	24.55	4	37	5.5
10.00	25.40	5	38	6.5
10.33	26.25	6	39	7.5
10.67	27.09	7	41	8.5
11.00	27.94	8	42	9.5
11.33	28.79	9	43	10.5
11.67	29.63	10	44	11.5
12.00	30.48	11	46	12.5
12.33	31.33	12	47	13.5
12.67	32.17	13	48	14.5
13.00	33.02	14	50	15.5

Now you have these measurements you will be able to order a perfectly fitting pair of riding boots from the Dogwood riding boot collection at www.dogwoodlondon.co.uk/shop/riding-boots/long-riding-boots/