

How to fit Stable Matting with Hints and Tips

Fitting Stable Matting

Stable matting is easy to fit, and once the mats have been carefully and tightly fitted it should not be necessary to lift them. (Please note that in very hot weather, the mats will expand slightly).

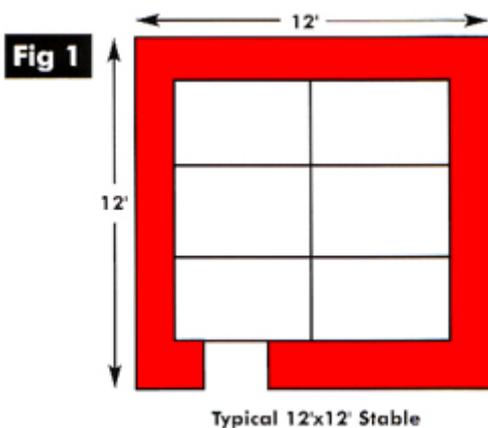
Stable Mats generally measure 6ft x 4ft or 1.8m x 1.2m. Available in 17mm and 12mm thick, these rubber flooring mats weigh around 45Kg for a 17mm and 32KG for a 12mm. The large sizes and weight mean that the Stable Mats will (when properly fitted) stay put without adhesives or fasteners and will not curl at the edges like some lower quality alternatives.

Stable matting is very hard wearing, waterproof and shock absorbent. The mats exhibit a textured, non-slip surface which increases grip levels (even when wet) thus reducing the risk of slipping. The grooved/channelled underside not only helps dissipate moisture to drainage areas but also 'gives' to provide relief to joints and muscles, great for older horses, those in recuperation or on box rest.

The mats are extremely durable and non-porous, meaning all of the urine stays on top of the mat (where it will be absorbed by the bedding rather than the mat). A properly fitted stable mat will not smell. The mats themselves in the beginning may exhibit a slight odour, this is normal. Simply washing the mats in warm soapy water and keeping them in a well ventilated area such as a stable will help to reduce the smell and eventually the odour will disperse fully.

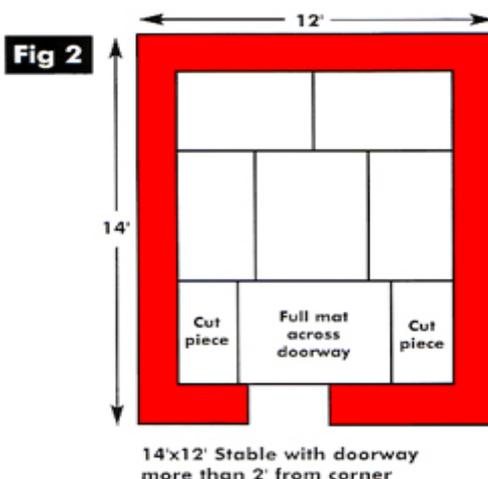
Recommended Equipment Required

A Stanley knife or jig saw, a tape measure, a piece of chalk, a straight edge, a hammer.



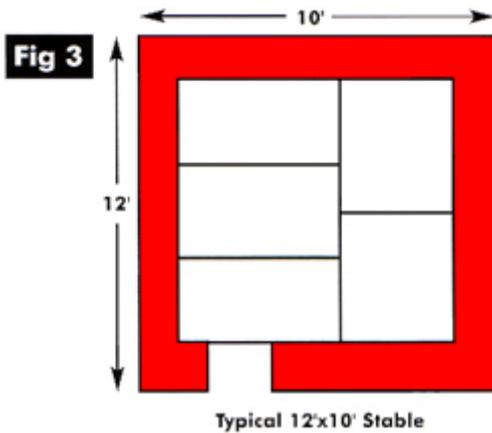
The Stable Mat lay out in a typical 12ft by 12ft stable.

A jig saw with a timber cutting blade is easy and quick, but for a small number of mats a Stanley knife (with a new blade) is adequate. Cutting with a jig saw should be carried out by laying the mat flat on a pallet with the marked 'cutting line' just off the edge. By supporting the mat firmly in this way you will avoid excessive vibration while cutting. If using a knife, draw the blade firmly along the 'cutting line' with the mat flat and then open up the cut by bending the mat and repeating the stroke.



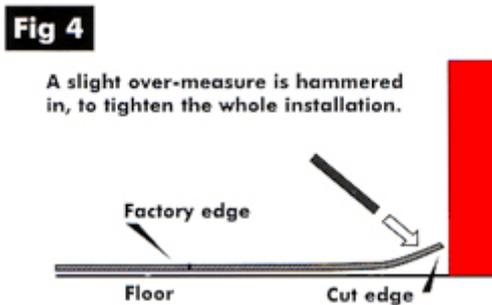
The Stable Mat lay out in a typical 12ft by 14ft stable.

Lay the first mat across the doorway so there is no seam in the entrance. If the door-frame or any other buttress protrudes into the stable, notch the mat to let it fit up against the wall



The Stable Mat lay out in a typical 12ft by 10ft stable.

Lay any further whole mats behind and to the side and push them up tightly together. Remember the 'pebbled' surface is the top surface.



Making sure that you hammer in the cut Stable Mats to ensure a tight fit.

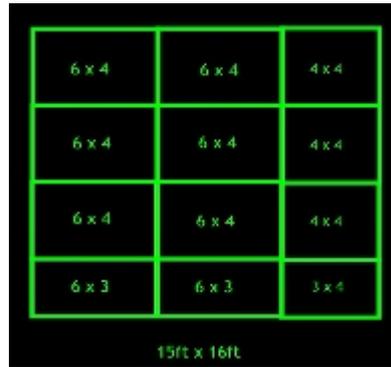
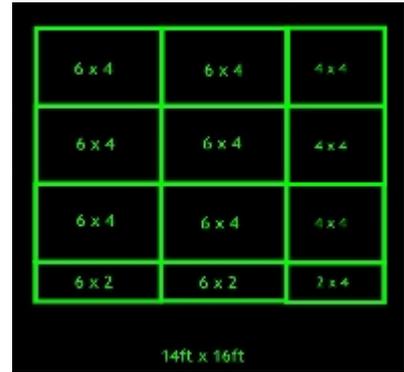
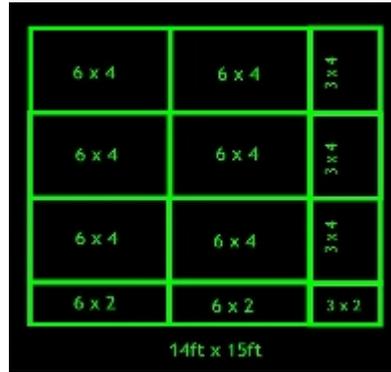
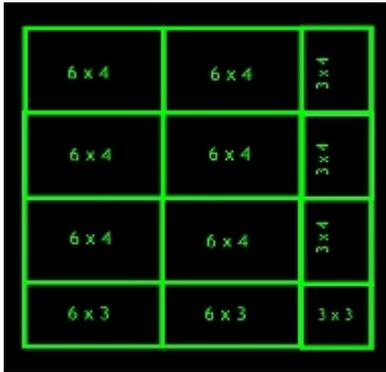
Now measure and cut the final mats carefully

Handy Hints for fitting stable mats

1. Measure - mark, check measurement - cut.
2. Remember to add about a half centimetre to each measurement so that you can get a tight fit. Always cut on the outside of the chalk mark to achieve this. When laying the mat in place, the cut edge should just turn up at the wall. This can then be hammered down to tighten up the joints.
3. Remember to mark your mat in the same way that it will be laid, so that the cut side will be to the wall and the factory edges abut one another in the centre of the floor.
4. Always keep factory edges together
5. Clean and disinfect the stable and allow to dry (or sprinkle powdered disinfectant under the mats)
6. Lay mats, normally working from the front of the stable to the back, ensuring there are no joins in the door area.
7. Trim mats to fit - use a straight edge (preferably wood) and a jiz-saw or sharp Stanley knife (by using warm soapy water on the stanley blade you'll also ease the cutting).
8. Black mastic can be used to seal around the edge of the floor where walls are uneven or gaps are left.

Other non-standard Stable configurations





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