

Equine Face Markings

A visual guide to some of the more common face markings.

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In this chart, we show each face marking separately, but this doesn't mean they are always seen alone. Many horses have combinations of markings, such as a star and a snip, or a star and a stripe. And then there are horses who have markings that seem to defy being placed in any category—you'll have to make your own judgement on what to call it!

Face markings are identified according to their shape and location on the horse's face.

Snip: a small white marking on the muzzle, not connected to any other markings.

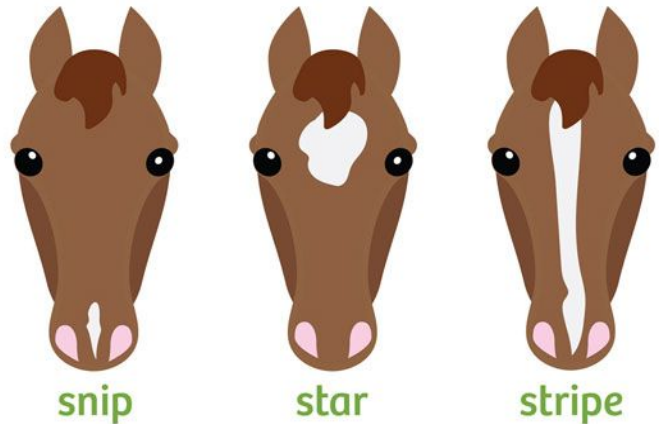
Star: any white marking on the forehead. It could be tiny, it could be large, or it could be an average size, like the one shown.

Stripe: a narrow band of white running up a horse's face from the nose to between the eyes.

Blaze: a white marking wider than a stripe and thinner than a bald face, not including the horse's eyes.

Bald face: the most dramatic face marking, covering most of the face, possibly covering the eyes.

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