



# Grooming Tools

(USPC D Manual, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, p182-183)

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	<u>What is it?</u>	<u>Why Use It?</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Picture</u>
1)	Curry Comb	To loosen caked mud and dirt. and rubbing pony's skin	Not too hard or sharp. Use a rubber one.	
2)	Metal curry comb	To clean other brushes	Too sharp to use on horse	
3)	Dandy brush Also called a stiff or hard brush	To remove heavy dirt. Good for long coats and pastured ponies. Has long bristles.	May be too stiff for clipped coats	
4)	Body brush (soft brush)	To remove dirt, dust, scurf. Has short bristles set close together.	Best tool for getting your pony really clean with a shiny coat!	
5)	Hoof pick	To pick packed dirt from the feet		
6)	Hoof brush	Small stiff brush for cleaning dirt from the feet and surface of hoof	Some hoof picks have brushes attached	
7)	1 <sup>st</sup> Small sponge	To clean eyes, nose, lips. Write "FACE" on it with a permanent marker.	Should be different size or color from 2 <sup>nd</sup> small sponge	
8)	2 <sup>nd</sup> small sponge	To clean dock. Write "DOCK" on it with a permanent marker.	Do NOT interchange these!	

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9)	Large sponge	To wash the body	Dry out your sponges before storing away	
10)	Mane comb or hair brush	To untangle the mane and tail	Pick out the tangles with your fingers. Do not use a metal comb - too much hair breaks	
11)	Metal mane comb	For pulling the mane short.	Ouch	
12)	Shedding blade	To remove shedding hair	Do not use this as a sweat scraper - the metal is too hard.	
13)	Sweat scrapper	To remove excess sweat and water from coat.	This is so fun to do.	
14)	Rub rag	To remove stains from coat, or final polish of hair.	Rubbing will bring out the oils and make him shiny.	
15)	Water Brush	For wetting mane and tail and scrubbing away stains. And for cleaning water buckets.	These are too hard to use on a horse	

USPC Rating Requirements:

D2-- Name 5 grooming tools and demonstrate how to use them.

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