

# Braided Tails

## Hair Collection Instructions

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### What you will need:

Sharp pair of scissors  
Small rubber band  
Plastic ziploc bag  
Label or marker

There are three ways to collect your horse's hair:

*(Collect tail hair only. No mane hair please.)*

1. For those who are concerned with cutting too much tail, you can save loose hair when grooming or pull a few long strands at a time. This process takes the longest as you will need to send us a lock of hair about the diameter of a pencil or finger (about 250 strands). Place long hairs in a bag each time you groom until you have saved enough. Organize the strands and rubber band the end.
2. This method is the quickest and will ensure you get the longest and best amount for braiding. Comb through your horses tail. Lift up the tail and select a longer lock from underneath that is about half the way up the dock. Snip a lock off about the diameter of a pencil or finger as close to the skin as you can and put a rubber band around the cut end.
3. If you don't want one big chunk cut from one place, you can cut several smaller locks from different areas and group them together. Secure end with a rubber band.

Make sure to get the longest hair possible. It needs to be at least 14" long (18" to 23" for necklaces and adjustable style bracelets).

Once you have your hair collected, put in a plastic bag and make sure you label the bag with your name. Keep hair from more than one horse in separate bags. Don't worry about washing the hair. I have a special shampoo I use before braiding. Mail your horse's hair, completed order form and payment to: Braided Tails, 222 Walker St., Winchester, VA 22601. **Please make check payable to Evelyn Pyne.**

I personally made myself a bracelet using hair from my two horses by using the second method. I cut pretty big chunks from the underneath of their tails and can't even tell where it was when I look now.