

## THE SIXTH CHALLENGE

## Backing through the curtain

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND ENSURE YOU HAVE READ THE GENERAL RULES OF THE 10 IN 20 CHALLENGE BEFORE YOU START

For this challenge you will need to create a curtain or carwash. Please see the second page of this challenge to see how to build it. Incorrect construction of the obstacle may lose you marks.

Now you have to ask the horse to turn before the curtain and back through it, he must not go through the curtain first.

HOWEVER if you are training with this obstacle for the first time please start slowly as this obstacle can be very challenging for the horse. You could start by having the ribbons tied back then slowly introducing them.

DO NOT start by trying to back your horse through the curtain because you may find it is too much pressure for the horse.

PREPARE the horse and let him understand that this obstacle is not going to do him any harm.

Please look on page 2 to see how the curtain should be constructed. Any frame will do but do make sure it is safe for you and the horse.



1. You could start by tying the ribbons out of the way.

2. Then drop a few ribbons.



3. Then drop all the ribbons.



Good luck!

## The Curtain/Carwash —getting it right

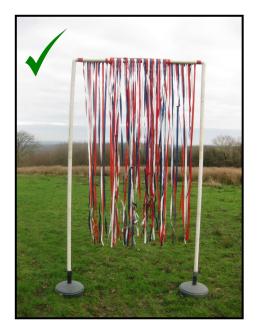
The curtain should look fairly solid to the horse with no gaps between the ribbons or at the sides. The ribbons should fill the frame. You can make the ribbons by cutting up an old shower curtain, sheet or use strips of plastic tape as long as there are enough to fill the space.



In this picture there are not enough ribbons hanging down so that we can see through the curtain.

In this picture the curtain is too narrow with gaps at the sides.





This is better, the judges would accept this curtain. The gap on the left hand side between the ribbons and the frame was caused by a slight breeze that created a gap.

Sometimes if you are working outside the wind will move the ribbons about, as long as the judges can see that the obstacle is correctly constructed, then you would not lose marks if the were gaps created by the wind.