

What are the different coat colors of Paint Horses?

For new registrations, you are asked to determine the color of your horse. Use the descriptions in this handbook as a guide, keeping in mind that the colors and patterns of American Paints come in all combinations.

Black

True black coats are rare. The body color is black with no other color hair visible (other than face or leg markings). The mane and tail may be black, white or both.

Brown

The body is a shade of brown or black with no hint of red. Light areas can be found on the muzzle, eyes, flank and inside upper legs. The mane and tail may be black, white or both.

Bay

The body color ranges from tan through red to reddish-brown. The mane and tail may be black, white or both. Black is also commonly found on the lower legs.

Chestnut

The body color is dark red or reddish brown. The mane and tail are usually dark red or reddish brown, but may be flaxen or white.

Sorrel

The body is a clear reddish or copper-red color. The mane and tail are usually the same color as the body or may be flaxen or white.

Palomino

The body color is a shade of yellow or gold. The mane and tail are white, yellow or gold. Palominos do not have dorsal stripes like the similarly colored dun horse.

Red dun

Red dun is a form of dun typically with a yellow- or flesh-colored body with a red or reddish dorsal stripe. The mane and tail may be red, white or both.

Dun

The body color is yellow or gold, with each hair the same color. The mane and tail may be black, brown, red, yellow, white or mixed. Duns may exhibit a dorsal stripe, a transverse stripe over the withers, and zebra stripes on the legs.

Cremello

Cremellos have a body color, mane and tail of creme or off white with pink skin. Their

eyes are blue or amber. White markings are discernible, if present, albeit with difficulty.

Perlino

A perlino has a body color of creme or off-white with lower legs, mane and tail of a light rust or chocolate shade. Their skin is pink or gray and their eyes are blue or amber.

Buckskin

The buckskin is a body color a shade of yellow or gold. The mane and tail may be black, white or both. Black is common on the lower legs. A buckskin may not have a black dorsal stripe.

Red roan

A red roan is more or less a uniform mixture of white with red hair on a large portion of the body, but usually darker on the head and lower legs. The mane and tail may be red, flaxen or white.

Blue roan

A blue roan is a uniform mixture of white with black hairs on a large portion of the body, and may have a few red hairs as well. The color is usually darker on the head and lower legs.

Bay roan

Bay roan is a uniform mixture of white hairs with body color ranging from red to reddish brown on a large portion of the body, and usually black on the lower legs. The mane and tail are usually black.

Gray

Gray is a mixture of white and any other color of hair. A gray is born solid- or almost solid-colored and gets lighter with age and as more hair grows.

Grullo

The body color is smoky or mouse-colored (not a mixture of black and white hairs—each hair is mouse-colored). The mane and tail may be black, white or both, and there is typically black on the lower legs. Grullos usually exhibit a dorsal stripe.