Estimating a 30° hairline

To estimate a 30° hairline, stand a little away from the horse, envision an imaginary line from the coronet band of the hind hoof to the front leg.

If the imaginary line ends midway between the elbow and the knee, you have approximately the correct angle.



Your imaginary line ends below the knee, your hairline is too shallow (below 30°).



If your imaginary line ends at the elbow or slightly below, you have a steep hairline (above 30°)



Once you have established what the angle of your hairline on the hind hoof is, compare the same to the hairline angle of the front hoof. Is it more, less, the same?