



ROUND PEN ESSENTIALS



ABOUT US



At Seven Peaks Fence and Barn, we're **helping you build the property you've always dreamed of**. You can count on us to deliver durable fencing products. Manufactured in Arizona and Texas, we proudly serve horse and livestock owners all across the U.S.

We're a **family business**, founded and operated by three brothers—Jeff, Trevor, and Matt Chandler—who grew up with a love for the Western lifestyle and a deep connection to the horse and livestock world. Almost 10 years ago, we turned that passion into crafting fencing solutions that are affordable and durable.

Our main focus has always been outstanding customer service. Need help designing your round pen? Building out your horse property? Or just getting started with stalls? We're here to help. **Our goal is to make the process easy, stress-free, and tailored for each of you.**

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Step 1

FINDING THE PERFECT LOCATION



Depending on your property, you might have a variety of locations to choose from. Let's find the perfect space!

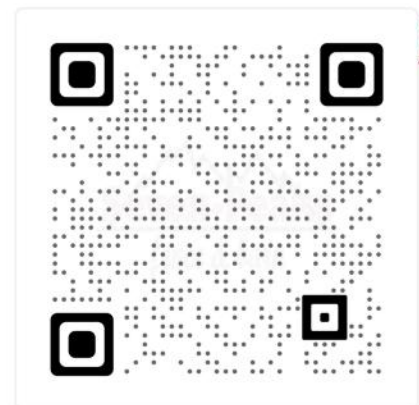
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- **Clearing/Prep:** What are the clearing needs of your desired location? Will you need to do substantial work to remove large stones, trees, and debris? More extensive prep needs to be factored into your budget.

Find Your Perfect Spot

Analyze all of the locations on your property that might be a great fit. Note down the pros and cons of each space.

enjoy the ride

CURIOUS ABOUT HOW YOU'LL LAYOUT AND SET UP THE ROUND PEN?
WATCH THIS VIDEO FOR A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE.



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Step 2

CHOOSING A SIZE FOR YOUR ROUND PEN



At first glance, it might seem like size is an obvious choice. Smaller means more economical and bigger means better, right?

Not necessarily. Bigger does mean you have **more flexibility** in how you can use your round pen. But, you'll also have more prep, footing, and upkeep.

Instead, you'll want to **understand the limitations and primary use of each size**. Then, choose the one that is ideal for your needs.

Pro Tip:

If your ideal size isn't within your financial or space budget yet, panels make it easy to start smaller and expand to a larger size over time.

And yes, budget is a significant factor.

However, it's essential to **choose a round pen that fully meets your needs** and those of your horse to ensure an excellent fit long-term.

Take a look at the following pages to get an overview of the different uses and limitations of each size.

Size Options



40'

Budget-Friendly

50'

Versatile Middle

60'

Daily Workhorse



"We ordered a heavy-duty 60' round pen with an additional heavy-duty 10' bow gate. In less than 48 hours we went from the first quote to it being delivered. Everybody involved went above and beyond all expectations! The quality is amazing and we had the pen setup in less than 3 hours. Compared to Priefert, Seven Peaks system is way stronger in every way. Glad y'all setup in Texas."

– Jake Ryan



40' Round Pen

Pros:

- **Small Footprint** - Utilizes space effectively. Ideal for smaller properties or limited areas.
- **Cost-Effective** - Generally lower price point due to fewer materials.
- **More Control** - Allows for closer work with the horse. Can be favorable when training young or inexperienced horses.

Cons:

- **Limited Space** - May not provide space for horses to comfortably canter, which could be restrictive during certain exercises.
- **Restricted Movement** - Larger or more active horses might feel confined, potentially leading to stress or undesirable behaviors.

40 Ft Round Pen - Basic



Products included:

- ✓ 12 - Panels
- ✓ 1 - 4' 9" Bow Gate
- ✓ 26 - Panel Clamps

40 Ft Round Pen - Pro



Products included:

- ✓ 12 - Panels
- ✓ 1 - 10' Bow Gate
- ✓ 22 - Panel Clamps
- ✓ 4 - Panel Adapters



50' Round Pen

Pros:

- **Balanced Size** - A good compromise between space and manageability; suitable for a variety of training exercises.
- **Versatile** - Generally lower price point due to fewer materials.
- **Space and Budget Balance** - Provides a reasonable trade-off between the cost of a larger pen and the space constraints of smaller properties.

Cons:

- **Intermediate Space** - May still be restrictive for some high-energy horses or larger horses during more vigorous training sessions.
- **Cost** - Higher initial investment when compared to a 40 ft pen, due to additional panels.

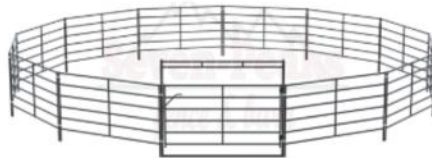
50 Ft Round Pen - Basic



Products included:

- ✓ 15 - Panels
- ✓ 1 - 4' 9" Bow Gate
- ✓ 32 - Panel Clamps

50 Ft Round Pen - Pro



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- ✓ 1 - 10' Bow Gate
- ✓ 32 - Panel Clamps
- ✓ 4 - Panel Adapters



60' Round Pen

Pros:

- **Ample Space** - Best for advanced training exercises such as cantering and jumping, allowing the horse to move naturally and comfortably.
- **Versatile for Professionals** - Ideal for professional trainers who need space for diverse training techniques.
- **Less Restrictive** - Provides a spacious, low-stress training environment, which can be more comfortable for the horse.

Cons:

- **Requires More Space** - Not suitable for smaller properties or confined areas; requires a significant amount of space to set up.
- **Higher Investment** - Requires more materials, making it the most expensive option.
- **Potentially Less Control** - Increased space can make it challenging to work with more sensitive or inexperienced horses.

60 Ft Round Pen - Basic



Products included:

- ✓ 18 - Panels
- ✓ 1 - 4' 9" Bow Gate
- ✓ 38 - Panel Clamps

60 Ft Round Pen - Pro



Products included:

- ✓ 18 - Panels
- ✓ 1 - 10' Bow Gate
- ✓ 34 - Panel Clamps
- ✓ 4 - Panel Adapters

Relationships Start
on the Ground



Gate Options

4' 9" Bow Gate
Standard in
Basic Kits



Double Width
10' Bow Gate
Included
in Pro Kits



Initial Assessment Worksheet

Use these questions to guide your decision-making and help you identify your priorities.

WHAT TYPES OF HORSES WILL I BE WORKING WITH?

Will you primarily be working with young colts, seasoned horses, mustangs, etc.?

WHAT TYPES OF TRAINING OR ACTIVITIES AM I PLANNING?

Are you working with young horses on their groundwork and lunging, or a more experienced horse and will be riding in the round pen frequently?

WHAT TYPES OF WEATHER WILL THE THE PEN NEED TO WITHSTAND?

Will your round pen need to endure harsh environmental conditions? You'll want to factor that in when considering the build materials.

WHAT BUDGET AM I WORKING WITH?

Budget is often a significant factor in your choice. Ensure that you're factoring in any site prep and footing needs.

DOES MY PROPERTY HAVE SPACE CONSTRAINTS?

Consider both space limitations and factors such as drainage.

WHAT SIZE GATE WILL I NEED?

Will you need space to bring a tractor in for maintenance, or will it just need to accommodate you and your horse?

WILL I NEED HEAVY-DUTY RAILS?

Will you be primarily working with larger, more energetic horses, mustangs, or younger horses you're starting under saddle?

*"There is no secret so close
as that between a rider and
his horse."*

R. S. Surtees



Step 3

WHEN TO CONSIDER A CUSTOM SIZE



For some, a standard size may not be enough. Here are a few scenarios where going bigger with a custom kit makes sense:

- **Inexperienced Riders:** If you're training novice riders to ride, a larger pen provides extra space for safety and smoother transitions during lessons.
- **Advanced Training Needs:** Professional trainers or owners working on more advanced techniques and skills might need a larger round pen.
- **Property-Specific Considerations:** Customers with ample space and no major restrictions often see value in maximizing their property's utility with a larger pen.
- **Shared Use:** Families or small equestrian facilities may want larger pens to accommodate a variety of training needs.
- **Future-Proofing:** If you anticipate expanding your training programs, a larger pen can save you the cost and hassle of upgrades later.
- **Dual Purpose:** A bigger pen can serve as both a training area and a temporary turnout space for energetic or younger horses who need extra room to move.

Analyze Your Size Needs:

Use this space to brainstorm any reasons you might need a custom round pen size. Jot down everything from future goals to whether you'll make it available to neighbors or friends.

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Customizable Options:

With our horse panels, you can customize your pen to any size that fits your needs and property. Start with a base kit and add panels as your requirements grow.

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Step 4 PREPARING THE GROUND



Prepping your site will transform how your round pen functions and holds up. Let's walk through the ground prep.

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Pro Tip:

Check your location in a rain storm to see if there are specific drainage issues that need to be addressed.

A Note on Leveling & Clearing

While it does impact your overall budget, using a local contractor to clear and level your property can save you time and money in the long-run.

Look for reviews from your local equine community to find someone who understands the drainage, leveling, and usage needs of a well-designed round pen.



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Step 5 CHOOSING FOOTING



Working in tandem with your preparation is the footing you choose. It will affect everything, from performance to safety.

- **Native Soil/Grass:** Budget-friendly, but carries significant maintenance issues, such as mud, ruts, mowing, and more.
- **Sand:** One of the most popular options, sand offers great traction and drainage. It's also easy to drag smooth. Does break down over time, and can cause dust and water retention depending on your location.
- **Crushed Gravel:** Popular and economical. Ensure you avoid larger pieces that can cause bruising. Larger rocks as a base or mid-layer is a great choice.
- **Additives:** Depending on performance needs, higher traffic round pens might benefit from additives to control dust or manage water-retention.

*****The Best Footing Will Vary by Location*****

Decide on Your Best Footing

Ideal footing is going to **vary by location, climate, availability, and budget**. Consider respiratory restrictions for you and your horse, along with training level and personal preference.

Local sand & gravel companies and area horse groups can often provide you with a list of **the most common options for your area**.

Footing Type	Pros	Cons	Cost
Sand	Excellent traction, good drainage, easy to level.	Can break down over time, causing dust and potential water retention.	\$\$
Crushed Gravel	Stable, durable, great drainage, minimizes hoof stress when layered.	May be hard on hooves without proper base, some types can migrate.	\$\$
Rubber Additives	Superior cushioning, reduces dust, pairs well with sand for balance.	Higher upfront cost, may require regular mixing with other materials.	\$\$\$
Eco-Friendly Rubber	Sustainable, durable, excellent dust control, reduces environmental impact.	Requires mixing with sand for optimal drainage, newer technology might increase costs.	\$\$\$
Wood Chips	Affordable, soft, offers some cushioning.	Decomposes quickly, requires frequent replenishment, can become dusty over time.	\$
Fiber Additives	Enhances traction and stability, eco-friendly options available.	Higher maintenance needs, some types may contribute to microplastic pollution.	\$\$\$

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NOTES ON LOCAL FOOTING OPTIONS:



You're almost ready to build. But first, consider the materials and build quality. Here's why we choose and sell steel panels:

- **Strong Welds and Durable Panels:** Heavy-Duty steel provides increased structural integrity and longevity vs wood posts.
- **Smooth Edges:** Beware of panels that have sharp edges, especially those not made specifically for equines.
- **Sturdy Clamps:** Be mindful of the chains and clamps used to attach rails. Chains, j-hooks, and drop pins can be unstable and create entrapment concerns.
- **Proper Rail Spacing:** Proper spacing helps protect from entrapment.

Preparing for Your Round Pen

LOCATION	
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Proper Drainage</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Easy Access for Tractor</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Fairly Level</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Space for Future Growth</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No Rocks/Trees</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Close to Barn</div>
FOOTING	
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Traction</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Climate Suitability</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Dust Control</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Comfort</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Drainage</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Budget</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Durability</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Eco-Friendly</div>
SIZE	
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Number of Horses</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Frequency of Use</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Types of Training</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Adequate Space</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Future Expansion?</div>
SAFETY	
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Minimal Gaps</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Proper Spacing</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No Sharp Edges</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Secure Latches</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Heavy-Duty Panels</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Durable Long-Term</div>



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