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Howdy to all of you out there. Just a few pointers should you know in case you decide to start blanketing your horse in this colder weather:

- If you start blanketing, you may inhibit a thicker hair coat to grow in. If so, then you will be responsible for putting it on each and every time there is cold weather – especially if it is windy or raining.
- Due to the large variation in temperature between day and night, you will need to be out there first thing in the morning to remove the blanket from your horse, or it may start sweating. This can result in prolonged exposure of the skin to excessive moisture, which can allow an infection of *dermatophilosis*, otherwise known as “rain rot”, to occur. This problem is often misdiagnosed as a fungal infection, but does respond to many of the same treatments.
- Also, if you do blanket your horse, please have it water-proofed. Wet blankets are the worst!

So, hope this gives you some food for thought in regards to “blanketing your horse”.

Have a good weekend!

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