

Course Design

Clever Combos - Hunter Edition

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In the Show Ring

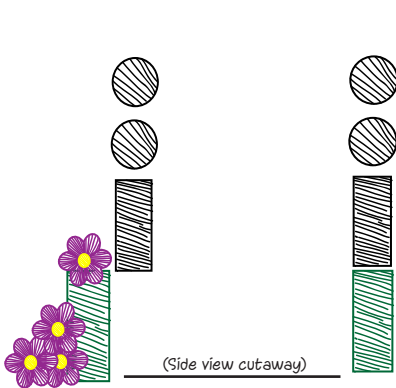
Whether you're a hunter or a jumper, you're bound to find a variety of combination styles when you step into the show ring, and they can challenge even the most prepared riders.

When navigating a Combination:

Be aware of:

1. The distance between obstacles
2. The type of obstacle, and their order
3. Jump Height
4. Terrain

4 Common Combos on a Hunter Course:



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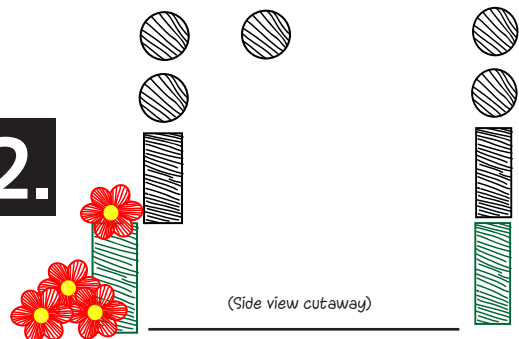
1. Vertical to Oxer

This combination type is the easiest you will encounter, it's a simple style and easy for beginner riders to navigate.

Oxer to Vertical

2.

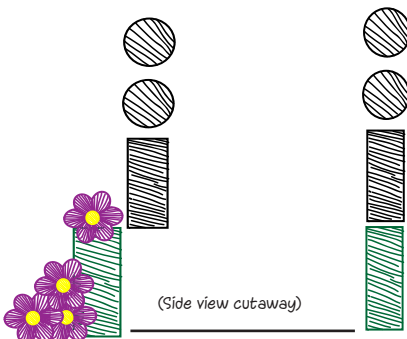
This combo will test a rider's ability to land cleanly off the oxer and quickly prepare their horse for the vertical, which will require the horse to be balanced while maintaining impulsion.



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3. Vertical to Vertical

The difficulty of this combo depends on the spacing between fences. Shorter distances are easier to navigate as they leave less time for a horse to collect speed and lose balance. Longer distances force a rider to keep forward impulsion without losing balance or allowing a horse to get strong.

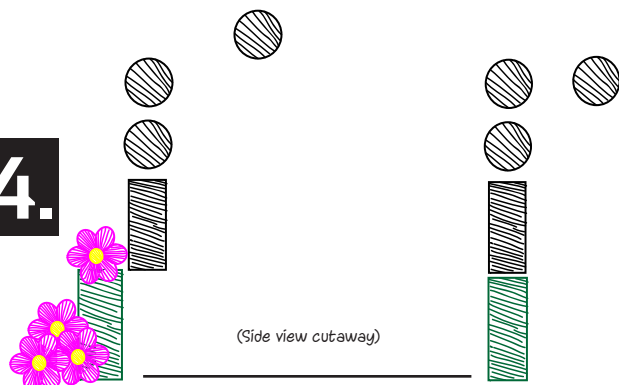


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Oxer to Oxer

4.

This combo requires a combination of forward pace and impulsion with control and good rider position. The rider must to support themselves over the jump, but be able to organize & balance the horse between fences, especially if a horse gets strong.



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