

Tailors measure girths

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“Girth” has a number of uses. Horses wearing a saddle (silla de montar) also have a girth (cincha), that is, a strap (correa) that goes around the horse’s body to keep the saddle in position.

Now imagine that you have an appointment with your tailor (sastre) for your next hand-made suit. The tailor will measure your girth (contorno) as part of the process to make a perfect fitting suit.

Trees have girths (circunferencias) too.

Examine these examples.

- The tailor will measure your girth during the first appointment.
- The girth of the tree (...la circunferencia del tronco...) in Gilberto’s garden is enormous.
- An ample girth (contorno voluminoso) may be a sign of poor health and bad lifestyle.
- Please check the girth before you get on the saddle.

So perhaps a mortal with a wide girth, checks the horse’s girth before riding to his tailor who then checks his girth!