Signs that your horse might use to indicate to you that it is objecting to a poorly fitting saddle

* twitching its tail while being ridden
* girthy - biting or threatening to bite or nip when you do up the girth
* needing to carry its head in a lower than usual position
* very reactive when you are mounting from the ground
* white hairs on the wither or back where the saddle touches
* dry spots/ asymmetrical sweat patterns or ruffled hairs under the saddle after being ridden
* asymmetrical muscling over the shoulders and withers
* sore back
* Ears flattened or wide open eyes when doing up the girth, or when placing the saddle

Also, beware of thinking your saddle fits before you ride in it. It can be the case that a saddle will appear to fit perfectly while the horse is standing still and square, but when the horse walks, trots or canters, the same saddle can rub and cause a horse to ‘misbehave’ eg buck, pig root, roll.