Circles around the eyes or nostrils symbolized enhanced senses of sight and smell.

Coup marks symbolized counts of war honors, including the number of times the horse and rider were in battle or were in enemy camps.

Lightning or Thunder symbolized speed and power, marked by one or two zigzag lines down the front legs.

Hoofprints symbolized how many times the horse and rider had successfully stolen horses from the enemy.

Handprint of any color symbolized an accomplished mission.

Handprint on the shoulder was an oath of vengeance.

Snake symbol represented speed or stealth.

Fire arrow symbolized bad luck for the enemy.

Hail marks symbolized a prayer for the horse and rider to fall upon the enemy like hail.

Straight arrow symbolized victory.

Handprint of any color symbolized an accomplished mission.

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