

# Build-a-Musk Ox

You can't take our musk ox home, but you can make one of your own!

Did you know that musk ox are *very* special animals? They survived the last ice age relatively unchanged, making them a prehistoric animal!



To make your musk ox, color, cut, and glue to assemble.

# Musk Ox Fun Facts

## **Horns:**

Musk ox have really cool horns!

Male musk ox have larger horns than females. The top part is called a horn boss.

They're true horns, so they'll keep them for their entire lives. They don't shed them like a caribou! They're made out of the same material as your hair or nails-- keratin!

## **Body:**

Musk ox are very short and stout.

They average around 5 feet tall and 500 pounds for females, 800 pounds for males.

Their dense body shape helps keep them warm in the winter.

## **Hair:**

Musk ox have long brown guard hairs that help protect them from mosquitos and regulate their temperature.

Underneath, they have a layer called qiviut that helps keep them warm all winter-- even at -80F!

## **Hooves:**

Musk ox are ungulates- meaning they are hoofed large animals. Musk ox have split, concave hooves. Here at the farm, we trim their hooves about once a year!

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