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!