

# STAYING WARM IN WINTER

Muskoxen stay warm in temperatures as low as -80F! They have a double coat that helps keep them warm during the wintertime. The soft, downy underlayer is a fiber called **qiviut**. Qiviut is shed every spring and some Alaskan communities collect the qiviut to spin into yarn. Over the qiviut hangs a layer of long, coarse, shaggy hair that protects the qiviut from rain and snow.



**Directions:** Create your own double-coated muskox! First, glue some cotton balls to the body of the muskox to represent the soft, downy qiviut. Then, cut some longer pieces of yarn to create the long, shaggy hairs that protect the qiviut from rain and snow.