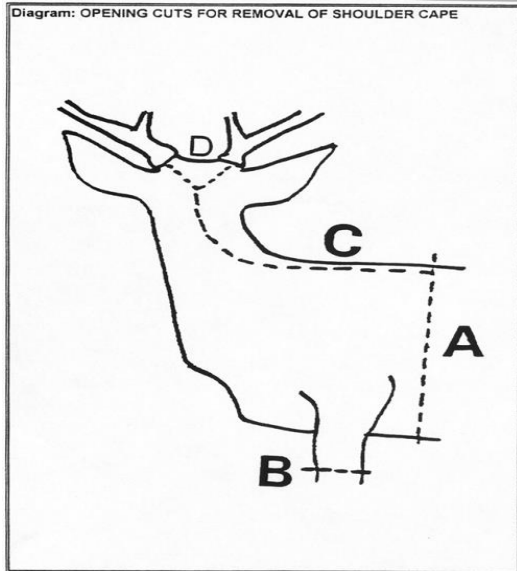


Caping for a Shoulder Mount:

Caping involves making four of the pictured initial cuts. Make sure to leave lots of cape **past the shoulder, and well beyond the start of the legs**. If in doubt, always leave more cape than you think is needed.



The four required cuts. Tubing the leg is preferred over cutting the back open.



Caribou cape with legs cut too short.

Cutting the Skull Plate:

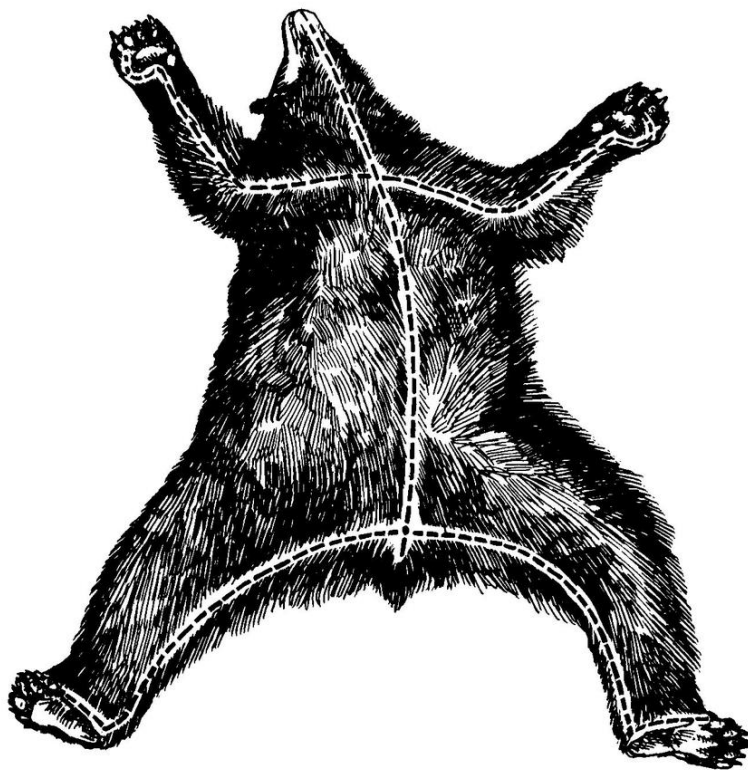
When cutting the antlers off, only two cuts are required. Cut half-way past the eye socket and leave the back of the skull attached as shown. Trim off the excess meat and let it air dry.



Skinning Bears for a Rug:

The diagram below shows where to make the cuts when skinning for a rug. The most important thing to consider is **making sure the centre cut is down the exact middle of the bear, and the leg cuts are down the back side of each leg.**

If the middle cut is off centred, the bear rug will look wider on one side. The same will happen to the legs if the cuts down the back of the legs aren't centred, or if the cuts on the left legs don't match where the cuts are on the right legs. The care taken with skinning will have a huge impact on what the rug looks like when it lays on the floor.



Moose/caribou European Skull Mount Prep:

When prepping a European mount, use a knife to unshackle the rear of the skull from the spine. **Never use a reciprocating saw** or you could cut the back of the skull and damage it.

If possible, skin out the head and remove the jaw, tongue, and eyes. Avoid wrapping the skull in plastic bags. This will help it air dry and prevent it from turning sour and rotten before it gets to us.