



# KRISTIAN'S TAXIDERMISTRY

*Attention to Detail for a Truly Natural Look*



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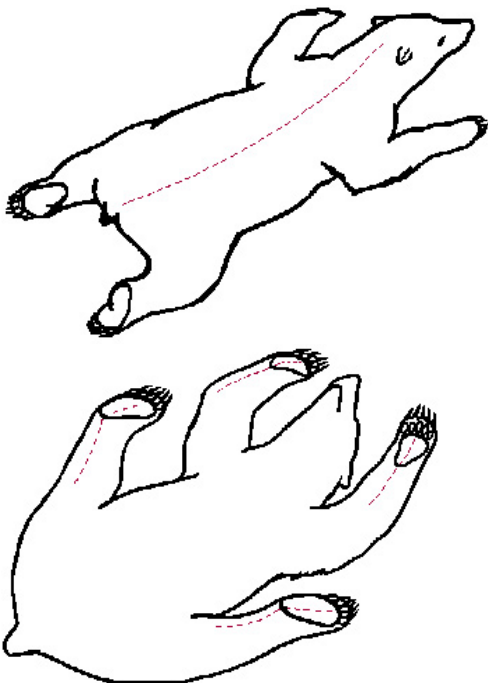
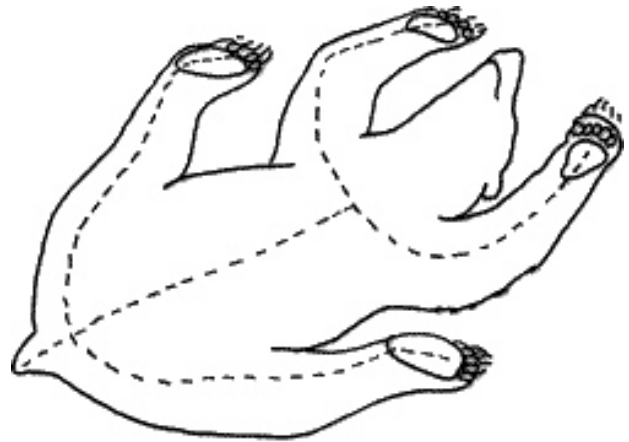
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## SKINNING BIG GAME

The two methods for skinning big game such as deer, elk, bear, etc, are the flat incision and the dorsal method.

### **The Flat Incision:**

Typically used for rug mounts and a variety of poses. Make the slits shown in the diagram (removing feet from the carcass) and remove the skin from the carcass. The head should be detached as with a shoulder mount. If you can't take your hide immediately to the taxidermist, freeze it to your taxidermist's specifications.



### **The Dorsal Method:**

The dorsal method uses a long slit down the back from the base of the tail to the neck area. Skin the animal pulling the carcass through the incision. The feet and head are removed from the carcass as in the flat incision. Only use the dorsal method if you have detailed instructions from your taxidermist, and only when the hide can be frozen quickly after skinning.