



KRISTIAN'S TAXIDERMY

Attention to Detail for a Truly Natural Look



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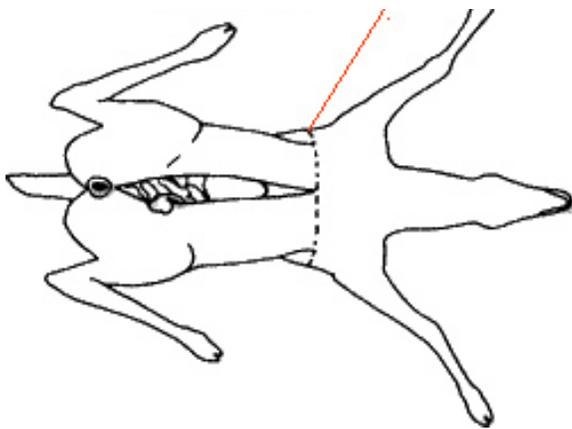
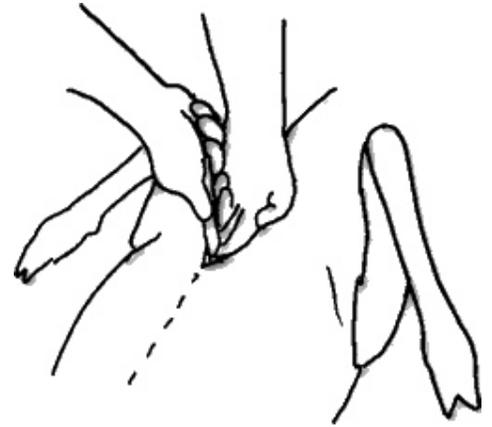
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GUIDE TO FIELD DRESSING

With the Deer on it's back, make a shallow cut right below the breast bone. Make sure you cut far enough from the brisket, leaving plenty of uncut skin for your shoulder mount. Using a hook or inserting your fingers of the free hand, cradle the blade, to hold the skin up and away from the entrails.

Cut straight down the belly and around the genitals, only separating (not severing) from the abdominal wall. The cut should run all the way to the pelvic bone.

Note: *Incision should start below the caping line.*



Cut deeply around the anal vent, being careful not to cut the intestine. Pull on it to make sure the rectum is separated from the tissue connecting it to the pelvic canal. Pull the rectum out and tie the end closed to prevent anything from getting on the meat. Pull the intestine and rectum up into the stomach area.

If you're making a shoulder mount do not cut open the chest cavity. You'll need to remove the diaphragm by cutting away at the ribs all the way to the backbone area. Reach into the forward chest area and find the esophagus and wind pipe and cut them off as far up as you can and pull them down through the chest.

Roll the deer onto its back and grab the esophagus and the rectum and intestine and pull hard. The entrails and internal organs will come out as one package with minimum mess.

Caping (the skinning process) should be left to the taxidermist. Experience in the delicate face area will be the difference in producing a quality mount. This will minimize any damage to the hide.

Every Taxidermist has their preferred way of caping a hide. Contact me for caping requirements. However the following methods are acceptable.

