



STEVE BARCLAY



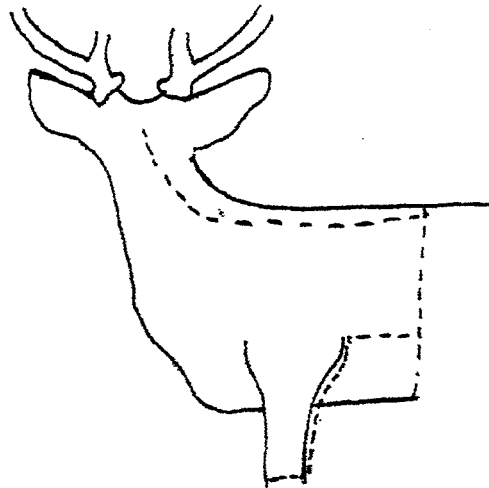
# TAXIDERMISTRY

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## SKINNING GAME HEADS FOR WALLMOUNTS

The most common mistake made by hunters removing a cape is not allowing enough skin behind the shoulders to work with. Proper field care on the hunter's part ensures a good job performed by the Taxidermist. Try to avoid shooting a potential mount in the head. The damage done by the bullet is hard, if not impossible, to repair.

- 1) Do not cut the animals throat.
- 2) Make all cuts neat and accurate as possible.
- 3) The first cut is down along the spine starting between the ears.
- 4) Then go around the circumference of the animal followed by around the leg joint, up the back of the leg and across to the circumference cut as shown.
- 5) Neatly skin off body starting at the back and work your way forward.  
Don't pull at the skin.
- 6) Sever the head off at the neck joint.
- 7) Once off, lay out to cool off for 10 minutes.
- 8) Most Taxidermists prefer to skin out the face themselves.



Contact me for further advice or assistance

