

BEAVER TEMPLATES

This pattern indicates one-quarter of the shape of beaver pelts. You may occasionally have a pelt larger than the largest pattern or smaller than the smallest pattern where it would become necessary to mark your stretching board accordingly.

We suggest drawing your pattern on 5/8 or 3/4 inch plywood. One sheet of 4x8 plywood will make three stretchers capable of handling six pelts if you use both sides. You may wish to cut the 4x8 sheet into three boards 32 inches wide or two boards 34 inches wide and one board 28 inches wide. The latter would allow you to handle larger beaver on two boards and your smaller beaver on the 28 inch board.

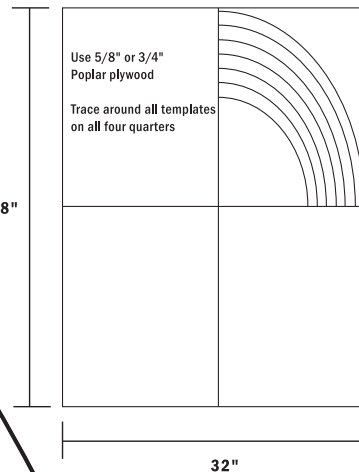
Find the centre of each board (length and width) and draw two lines forming a cross on your board. (Do not use felt marking pencils as they will eventually run and make lines difficult to follow.) Now place the templates on the cross and trace around each one on every quarter of the cross.

The end result is that you have the various sizes and proper shape of the pelts to guide you when nailing the beaver pelt to the drying board.

When nailing the pelt to the board you should place your nails approximately one inch apart all the way around the pelt. The leg holes should be sewn or nailed closed. Try to avoid over stretching. Upon completion the pelt should be slightly loose (not tight like a drum). The pelt will tighten during the drying process. Using a dull instrument (a screw driver or file will do) lift the pelt up off the board to near the head of the nails by prying up on the pelt between each nail. This will allow for better drying and prevent cracking and breaking around the nailed edges.

Please make certain that all fat and flesh is removed from the beaver pelts prior to drying.

BEAVER TEMPLATES PART SHEET 3/4" PLYWOOD



NORTH AMERICAN FUR AUCTIONS



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CODE	SIZE	LENGTH
3XL	XXXLGE	Over 68"
2XL	XXLGE	65"-68"
XL	XLGE	60"-65"
L	LGE	55"-60"
LM	L-M	51"-55"
MED	MED	47"-51"
SM	SML	42"-47"
X-SM	CUBS	Under 42"