

Clothespin Caribou

Caribou spend a lot of time on their hooves. They migrate, or travel long distances, to find food, water, shelter, and space to raise their calves. Some herds migrate 3,000 miles every year—that would be like walking from California to New York! Caribou’s large, wide hooves help them paddle across rivers, and walk on top of snow. Their hooves also have sharp edges for digging down through snow to find lichen, one of their most important foods. Craft your own caribou with its special hooves and imagine where yours might migrate.

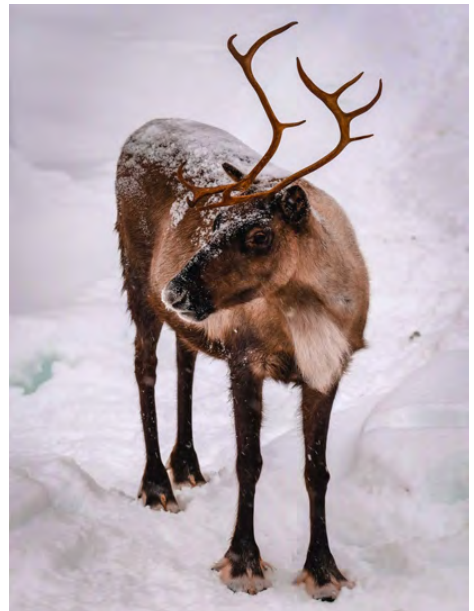


Materials

Caribou body template (page 3)
Colored pencils, crayons, or markers
Black marker
2 clothespins
Scissors

Directions

1. **Print** the caribou body template on page 3.
2. **Color** the caribou body using colored pencils, crayons, or markers. Caribou are usually brown, tan, and gray, but you can make yours any color you like!
3. **Cut** the caribou out, and set aside.



4. **Examine** your clothespins. One side is the clip that will hold onto the paper caribou body and become the top of the caribou's leg. The other end of the clothespin is the part you squeeze to open the clip—this will be your caribou's hoof.
5. Caribou have cloven hooves. That means their hooves are split into two toes, like a goat! With the black marker, **draw** two small triangles on the squeezing side of each clothespin.
6. **Draw** fur on the rest of your clothespin using markers, crayons, or colored pencils. This will complete the caribou's legs.
7. **Squeeze** the hoof end of your clothespin to open up the clip side, and clamp it onto your caribou body.
8. **Have fun** with your new caribou! **Migrate** your caribou to new places around your home. Where could it find food, water, or shelter?



