

Arctic

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1 Kudlik ·····

How do you keep warm in a snow house? These kudlik lamps were essential for life in the Arctic, as they create heat and light. This kudlik was carved from soapstone and would have been filled with animal fat, with dried moss used as a wick.



2 Parka

Do you wear any clothing made from animals? This women's sealskin coat has a large hood for carrying a child. Warm, waterproof sealskin, protects people from harsh Arctic conditions. Animal skin is still widely used as it's warmer and more comfortable than manmade materials.



What animals can you see on this tool? This Inuit object was used for shredding sinew (the tough tendon tissue connecting animals' muscles to their bones). Sinew was once used for sewing, but has now been replaced with cotton thread.





4 Women's knife ····

Arctic people wear animal skins to help them survive the extreme cold. Animals are hunted and skinned, and then the skins are stripped of flesh and fat using this knife. The skin is then soaked before being stretched in the open and cured (dried out).



➣ 5 Seal gut parka ·······

Getting cold and wet in the arctic could be fatal. Seal intestines are an excellent material for making a raincoat. The bottom of the coat could be secured around a kayak (boat) to keep the person dry. Do you wear any clothing made from animals?



····≻ 6 Seal ··

Seals are mammals and so need to keep warm to survive in icy cold waters. They have a thick layer of blubber under their skin for insulation. Their waterproof skin keeps the cold away from their bodies and their streamlined shape helps them to glide through the water.



▶ 7 Dog shoes ······

Do dogs need shoes? In the Arctic, dogs wore shoes in the summer to protect their feet from rough ground. In the winter the snow provided a soft landing for their feet. Arctic people kept dogs to help them hunt and travel further for food.



8 Walrus

Walruses are mammals often found near the Arctic Circle. The Inuit would use walrus skin and guts for clothing, blubber for fuel and tusks for tools. Nothing would be wasted, as the animal's life was believed to be

given as a gift and was respected.



9 Snow googles ·····

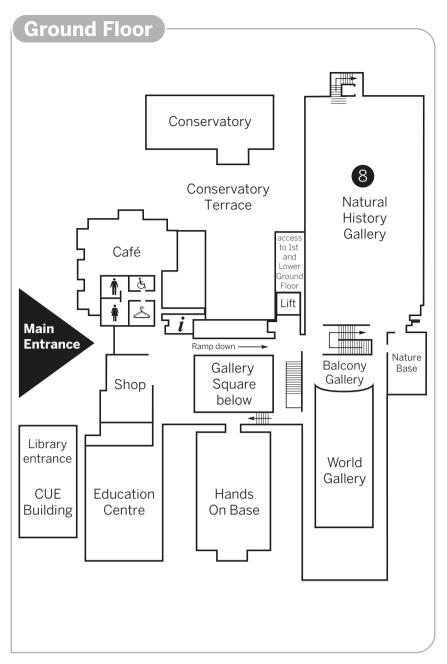
Do you need sunglasses in the snow? Snow blindness is a big problem in the Arctic. Imagine how dazzling the sun's reflection can be as it bounces off the ice. Snow goggles are the solution. They protected your eyes by only letting in a small amount of light.

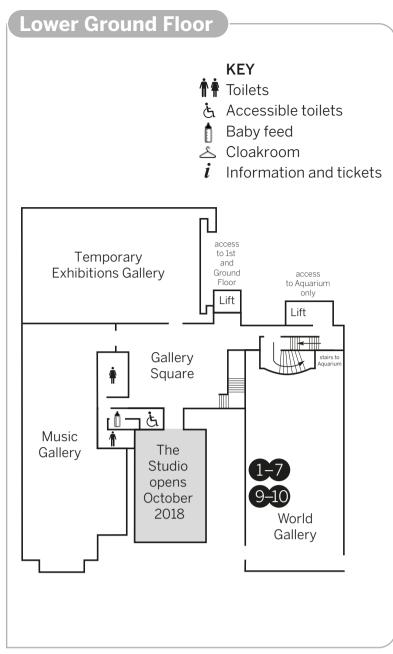


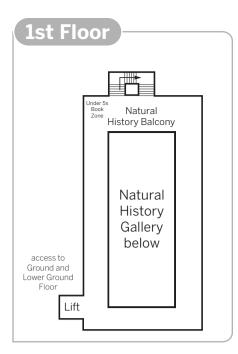
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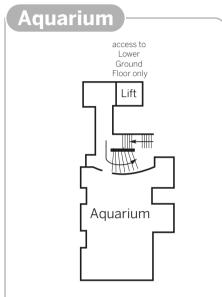
This snow knife is made of walrus tusk. It was used to cut blocks of snow that could be built into a temporary winter shelter. Do you think a house made of snow would be warm?













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