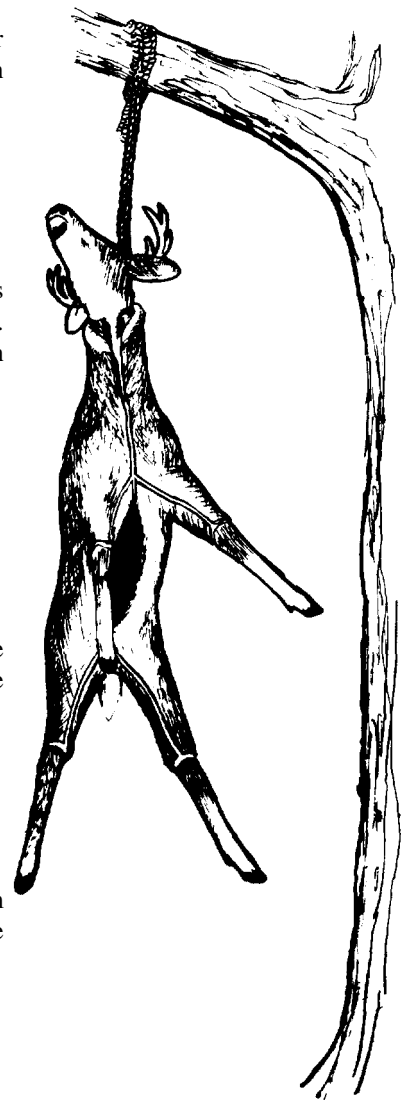


# Skinning A DEER



Have you ever tried skinning a deer with your car or truck? You are in for a labor-saving treat if you try this procedure to skin your next deer. Be sure to gut your deer before you start this process. But don't use this skinning method if you plan to mount your deer.

1. Hang the deer by its head or antler from a strong tree limb or skinning rack. Be sure the rope you use is strong. Nylon rope with 1000-pound test strength works well and is durable.
2. If you are not planning on mounting the deer, make an incision as high on the neck as you can and ring the neck completely. Remember, you should not use this skinning method if you plan to mount your deer.
3. Cut the skin in a straight line from the neck incision down the front of the neck to the brisket where you have opened the intestinal cavity to gut the deer.
4. Make a complete cut around the knee joint on all four legs. From these incisions, cut the skin down the inside of the leg again to the opening you made to gut the deer.

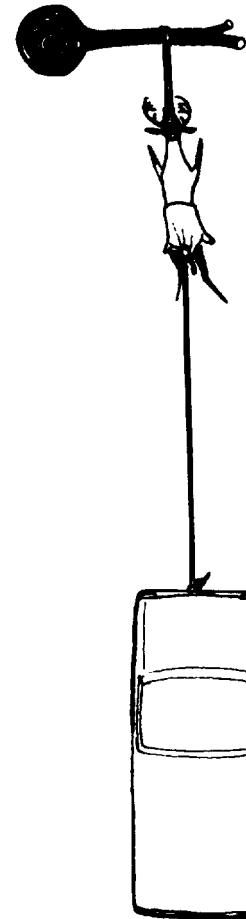


5. Return to the cut around the neck and peel the skin down the neck by pulling or trimming with your knife.



6. Remove the neck skin just enough to place a rock, small block of wood or best of all a golf ball against the hair side of the skin and fold the skin around the object. Again use strong rope to tie the skin around the object tightly.

7. Tie the other end of the rope from the neck to the bumper or trailer hitch on your vehicle.



8. Now you are ready to move the vehicle slowly to tighten the rope and pull the hide off the deer. The pulling will not tear the meat and does not leave any hair on the animal. Pull in direction that deer will swing away from the tree.

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