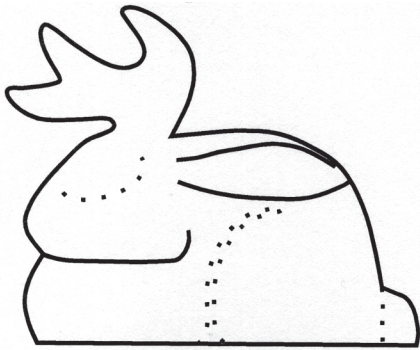


# Jackalope - Bucks and Does

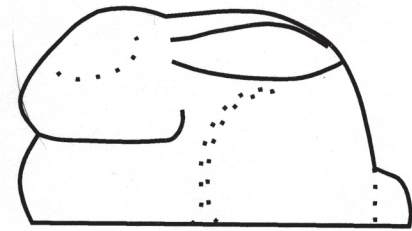
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Jackalopes, or *Lepus antilocapra*, are a hybrid of a Jackrabbit (a hare), and either a pronghorn antelope or deer. They are ferocious little critters whose temper can only be calmed by an offering of whiskey (the good kind!). They are said to only breed during a flash of lightning. Legends of horned rabbits can be traced back to paintings from 16th Century Europe – however some disbelievers attribute this to hares suffering from tumor-like growths caused by the Shope papilloma virus.

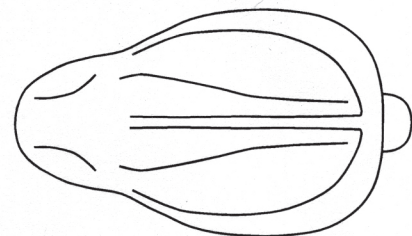
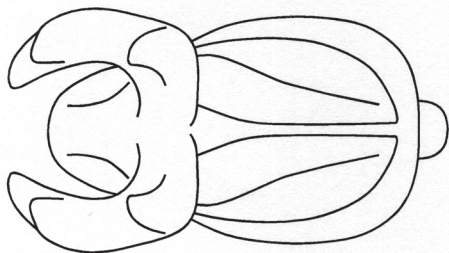
Hunters were warned of their ferocity, and cautioned to wear stovepipes on their legs to avoid nasty gouges while hunting the creatures. They shed their horns annually, so many normal Jackrabbit sightings could actually be a Jackalope that has lost its horns!



Jackalope buck



Jackalope doe



Carving suggestions:

If carving the buck, work on the body first, and then the antlers.

Watch those ears! The doe's ears are closer together at the base, since they don't have antlers to worry about. The buck's ears start close to the base of the antlers.

There are few sharp edges in this carving – drop the outside edge of the ears down ~2-3mm so they appear to lay flat on the body. The inside edge is slightly deeper, thicker portion of the ear.

The eye area, and the haunch, have nice rounded facets – not harsh edges.

The contact between the chin + cheeks and the chest floof is a hard edge. That way it looks like the chest fur is soft and squishy.

Once your antlers are roughed out, try using a file for minimal material removal. Slow and steady wins this race.